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Haley Reimbold '06 awarded $25,000 Target scholarship

by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER

Target honored Haley Reimbold '06, with a grand scholarship of $25,000 for her outstanding acts of community service.

"It was an incredible surprise and relief to receive this scholarship," said Reimbold.

Though Target awards only one grand prize, they also honor 625 other undergraduate college students, or college bound students, under age 24 with $1,000 scholarships.

Reimbold was selected out of a nationwide pool of nearly 12,000 applicants in Target's ninth year of offering the All-Around Scholarship.

This is not the first time Reimbold was recognized for her commitment to volunteerism. Haley won a $50,000 prize from the Russell Berrie Foundation, based in Reimbold's homestate of New Jersey. In addition, she also won the Hamilton Kinglsey Prize Scholarship.

Reimbold has always dedicated a large part of her life to community service.

"Community service has always been natural for me," Reimbold said.

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PHOTO BY PAUL IRIBE '09

First Year Forum is a five-week-long mandatory program that serves as an extension to Orientatation for the Class of 2009.

Welcome to the Hill

Incoming students participate in extended orientation

by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

If you're an upper-class student at Hamilton, you may be wondering why you aren't eligible for this class:

- It assigns no work.
- It frequently holds class outside (on the few nice days that are left).
- And it has leaders who bake cookies and host impromptu field trips.

Sounds like elementary school, doesn't it? Is there nap time, too?

The truth is this dream class is not the fairy tale it appears to be. It is the First-Year Forum, required of all freshmen in order to graduate from Hamilton.

It may not keep you huddled in a cubicle in the library until closing time, but the Forum will take an hour and fifteen minutes out of your day—twice a week—for discussion of topics that were introduced during freshmen orientation. And if you don't want to get stuck being last in line for course selection next semester, you'd better plan on attending all of the classes. Only one excused absence is allowed.

There goes your quality nap time. This is freshman orientation on steroids.

In addition to arriving five days earlier than the rest of the campus to get acquainted and comfortable, freshmen are now required to attend the Forum, which essentially extends orientation for five weeks to cover "a variety of topics representative of the issues and challenges commonly faced by first year students." Eventually,

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PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Late night Jitney service ran last night and will run from 10:30 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. on Saturday night.

The aftermath of getting "written-up"

by Martin Connor '09
NEWS WRITER

Suppose you are walking down Martin's Way on a Friday night, strolling along, minding your own business, enjoying the warm night innocently enough, except for the open can of beer in your hand. All of a sudden Campus Safety rolls up. They ask you a few questions like your name and your year, and inform you that you have been written up for a minor violation: having on open container of alcohol in public. But what's next? What happens now?

Suppose you are hosting

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A walk to remember

Hamilton commemorates 9/11 anniversary

by Eric Kuhn '09
NEWS WRITER

Around 25-30 students gathered on the Chapel steps to pay tribute to September 11, 2001 on Sunday afternoon. It was four years after two airplanes flew into the World Trade Centers in New York City, another plane went into the Pentagon in Virginia, and a forth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.

The remembrance started with the College Chaplain, Jeff McArn, saying some words and reading a poem: "The Names," by Billy Collins. Silence soon set over the group as each individual remembered their experience, just four years ago. Soon candles were lit and the students, led by McArn and his three year old son Theo, started to walk around the quad. The group passed by students studying, who put down their pens and turned off their iPods, watching in silence.

And than there was always Theo, who was running around the group, full of life. "It deepened the experience for me to have 3-year-old Theo there as the only one of us who was not alive when the Twin Towers went down, as if to ask, 'what kind of world — in the wake of 9/11 — will Theo inherit from us?'" said McArn.

As the group went to the Library, Root Hall, Buttrick, Commons and South, they laid a yellow flower down in all the places that the students celebrate their own lives to remember those who died.

"For me the important thing about the gathering and the walk was to bring the remembrance of the tragedy out of the chapel – where we typically gather to reflect on personal or communal suffering and loss – and into our 'regular' world, where we study, have classes, work, eat, and sleep," said McArn.

When the walk around the quad was completed, the group convened inside the Chapel, looking at a plaque dedicated to the three Hamilton Alumni who died on 9-11.

It read: "On September 11, 2001, our nation was attacked by terrorist forces; the American landscape and psyche were forever altered.

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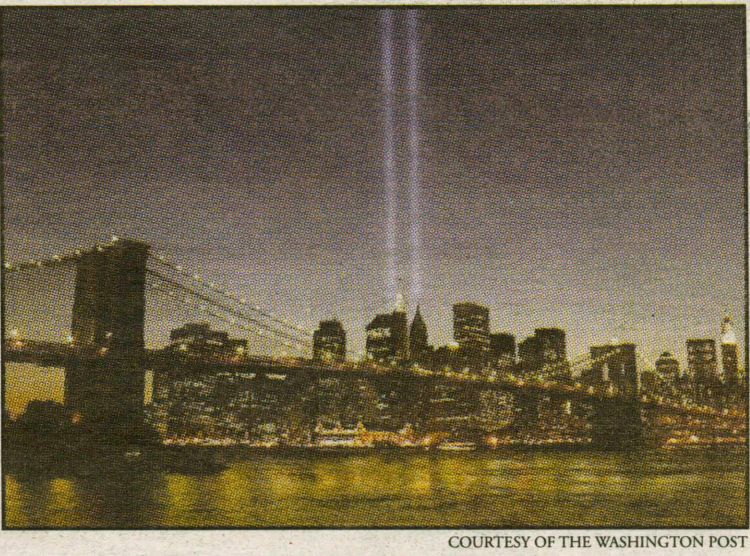

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The NYC skyline was broken on 9/11 by two lightbeams to memoralize where the WTC once stood.

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Lecture chronicles lengthy history of Hamilton library

by Laura Trublano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

The Inaugural Couper Phi Beta Kappa Library Lecture was held on Friday, September 9. This annual lecture will honor Hamilton alumnus and trustee Richard "Dick" Couper '44 for his commitment and contributions to Hamilton College and the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest academic honorary society in America.

David Stam, the former Andrew W. Mellon Director of the Research Libraries at the New York Public Library and Syracuse University librarian emeritus, was the speaker for this event. His topic was "An Army without Ammunition: Books and the College Library," about the trials and tribulations of Hamilton and its library in the 19th century.

Stam began his lecture by honoring Couper, whom he worked with at the New York Public Library, of which Couper was the first full-time CEO. "Richard Couper presided over the New York Public Library in one of the most difficult decades in New York's history. I have no doubt Dick's steadfast leadership kept the library alive," he said.

Stam gave a brief history of Hamilton's library and how it came to be the important campus resource it is today. He said in his research he was "seeking evidence of the values that made the library what it is." In the 19th century, explained Stam, all of Hamilton College's presidents were reverends and generally believed the Bible should be the basis of studies and a small, carefully selected library was all that was needed to supplement students' studies. When Hamilton College was chartered in 1812, the campus was in possession of 223 volumes. Soon, though, college presidents found it necessary to "purge" those books they considered "unpure."

The board of trustees decided a small addition must be made to the library in November 1812, and allotted $100 to library improvement; this was to come last after other needs were taken care of, however. "Hamilton was never rich in this time," said Stam. The library, which was originally in the Academy building and then moved to the third floor of the Chapel, changed relatively little for several years.

In 1826 the library got its first printed catalogue, which recorded 1600 titles. At this time, the library was open for student use for only a few hours a week and the position of librarian was usually held by a professor, as a second, part-time job.

The library "muddled along through the 1850s," Stam noted, as the College faced other more pressing problems, until the 1860s saw a campaign for a new library. The seventh president of Hamilton, Samuel Brown, was the first to speak candidly of the need for a new library. During this same period, Phi Beta Kappa was founded. Construction on the new library began in 1866, and the building was finally completed in 1872. "Hamilton began to move toward the technologically-equipped library it has now," said Stam in his lecture.

He closed his speech with a piece of advice. Like most libraries, the Hamilton library has been devoting more and more resources to electronic and technological advancement; "Rare books and special collections have equal power to turn students on to learning," Stam reminded the audience.

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Trustee Richard "Dick" Couper was the first full-time CEO of the New York Public Library.

Couper has been a staunch advocate for and supporter of Phi Beta Kappa on campus and nationally. Seven years ago he and his wife Patsy established the Couper Phi Beta Kappa book prize, which is awarded annually to the top 10 rising sophomores. He has served as president of The Fellows of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, a group of supporters who have made possible much of the success of the organization.

Having served 46 years as a trustee of Hamilton, Couper is second only to Elihu Root in length of tenure in that role. He has supported the College with contributions to Burke Library for special purchases and his establishment of an endowment for the Couper Librarian. Couper, his wife and his parents also established the Williams-Watrous-Couper Fund, an endowment that supports faculty research and teaching improvement. He has contributed his time as well as his financial support to the College and has been recognized for his efforts with the 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award.

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Haley Reimbold is a former director of HAVOC; she is currently working on several projects dealing with education and youth mobilization.

Reimbold works with area youth

Hamilton senior chosen from over 12,000 applicants for Target scholarship

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She attributes this to where she grew up, Roosevelt, New Jersey. Founded by former president Franklin Delano Roosevelt as part of the New Deal, Reimbold explained that her small town was originally communal, with a trade and barter system. Though the plan to be self-sufficient failed, "the people continued to depend on each other," Reimbold said, and community service was just part of the way of life that she learned while growing up in Roosevelt.

Though Reimbold participates in a wide range of community service activities, including advising HAVOC's executive board, she choose to focus on education and youth mobilization. This semester she is working with Young Scholars, an organization that assists middle and high school students from Utica in gaining access to higher education through mentoring, internship opportunities, and community service.

"Because Utica's high school, Proctor, has only 8 guidance counselors for almost 3,000 students, Hamilton students have started a program to help juniors and seniors in Young Scholars with the college application process," said Reimbold.

In elementary school, teachers nominate Utica students to participate in Young Scholars, and if they complete the program, which lasts from middle school to the end of high school, the students are guaranteed acceptance to Utica College.

Reimbold is also coordinating a group of teens, primarily from Proctor High School, that participate in various different Utica organizations, like the YMCA. She aims to give the youth a voice.

"I want it to be a self-governing group," said Reimbold. "I want the students to be able to express what they think the community needs."

The students primarily say they need a place to go after school, Reimbold added. "Their homes are not always the best atmosphere to do homework or to hang out with friends. They want a teen center in Cornhill," said Reimbold. "Despite the best efforts of so many individuals, these teenagers have few social options or activities to participate in."

Additionally, Reimbold wants Hamilton to have a more defined role in the community. She did a study with the Kirkland Project that compared Hamilton and its involvement in the community with other small liberal arts schools and their outreach programs. Reimbold found that many schools have service centers right in the community that help students connect with the community and provide positive opportunities for community members.

"Hamilton certainly has a connection with the community, but it is not as effective as other colleges," said Reimbold. "I want to get young adults, like Hamilton students, excited about the community."

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First Year Forum expands for '09

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the college plans to replace the regular orientation period with this class.

Facilitated by a three-person team—one faculty member, one administrator and one upperclassmen student—the Forum guides students through this opportunity to conquer issues that should be of concern to first-years.

These topics include the student code of conduct, sexual assault, and time management.

The Forum helps familiarize freshmen with Hamilton in an informal environment. Discussions highlight the differences between high school and college, with an emphasis on the new found responsibilities and set of expectations that accompanies attending the College. Students can use to build relationships with not only your fellow freshmen, but your leaders as well.

The three-person advising team is there to get to know you

This is freshman orientation on steroids.

and make you feel comfortable. After a few trial Forums last year, FYF Leader Amy James, the International Student Services Coordinator, is trying hard to "form meaningful relationships with the students and get to know a new group of first-years."

If you're lucky, you might have a Forum leader like Tyler Zink '07 who took his group bowling, or a faculty member like Professor Bailey who greeted one group with two batches of homemade chocolate chip cookies, and said there were more to come.

For those with an early-morning Forum who find themselves hitting the snooze button instead of getting up they only have a few more weeks (and one excused absence) to get through.

Then, if the First-Year Forum has had any impact on them whatsoever, they may just put into practice the useful study skills discussed and perhaps open a book instead of catching up on their zzzs.

Senior receives Target funds for service

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Reimbold said she will continue concentrating her efforts in community service and improving education when she graduates.

Reimbold hopes to return to Germany. Last summer, she studied the educational system in Berlin, examining how students' social class affects their prospects in education.

"As early as the age of 10, students are tracked into three types of school: university bound, the 'middle way,' or vocationally bound," said Reimbold.

"Only 10% of these students switch from the tracks that their teachers choose for them. Consequently, students that immigrated to Germany or come from families with little education or resources have a difficult time catching up to students who had the privilege of pre-school or native-language speaking parents."

Reimbold also spent last semester studying the educational system in Sweden. In terms of funding structure, the Swedish school system is the reverse of that in the US.

"In Sweden, schools in the poorest areas receive the most funding through redistribution," said Reimbold.

College memorial honors 9/11 victims

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Hamilton alumni Adam Lewis '87 and Sylvia San Pio Resta '95 were victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Both worked in the World Trade Center. Lewis is survived by a wife and four children. Newlywed Resta was expecting a child.

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We will always remember the Hamilton college alumni whose lives were lost as a result of this horrific event: Arthur Jones III, Class of 1986; Adam Lewis, Class of 1987; Sylvia San Pio Resta, Class of 1995."

Jones was working in the World Trade Center for a company called Carr Futures. He lived in Ossining, NY, and died at the age of 37.

"Art was a fraternity brother of mine at Hamilton College," said friend Steve Garvin. "He was a great guy. Honesty and integrity will be Art's legacy. He is dearly missed."

Lewis also worked in the World Trade Center as a senior trader for Keefe, Bruyette and Woods. He was 36 years old and resided in Fairfield, CT, with his wife and four children.

"As hard as it may seem, he might have fulfilled his goal in life with a wife and four children, and lived life to the fullest at 36 years old, when his life was ended in the most tragic event in WTC," said friend Alicia Gonzalez Sterling. "I have no doubt that he would have helped everyone around him, and he was a real hero in the last moment of his life.

Twenty six year old San Pio Resta worked with Jones at Carr Futures as a trader and lived in Bayside, Queens. She was always an artist, but had a sharp mind for numbers; at Hamilton she majored in both mathematics and ceramics.

San Pio Resta had been married to John Resta for less than one year; the couple was expecting a baby. Her sisters were planning a baby shower for San Pio Resta on September 11.

Assigned points can be appealed

from Points, page 1

a major party. There are many students under the age of 21, and many of them are being served alcohol. The party is large and noisy, and Campus Safety shows up to investigate. They write up a detailed report, they take names, and they inform you that you have been written up for a number of offenses. What happens next?

Many students are just as unclear about the process of being written up and having disciplinary action taken as they were before the Points System. The gravity of different offenses has been notably clarified, yet many are still unaware of how discipline is carried out. However, there is a set structure for disciplinary action after being written up.

Minor offenses are simplest. When student is written up by Campus Safety for a minor offense, which includes open container violations, excessive noise violations, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of indoor smoking policy, or underage possession of alcohol, the RA or Campus Safety officer who witnesses the crime fills out a simple form with the students name, the date, the time, the location, the offense, and any comments they may have.

When a more serious offense is discovered, such as assault, tampering with fire alarms, vandalism, or even excessively large parties at which underage students are being served alcohol, an Incident Report is made. The Campus Safety officer will take down names and the details of the offense and write a detailed report. All reports are reviewed by the Dean of Students, the director of Residential Life, and the Campus Safety officer who made the report. The administrators then decide which offenses they will follow up on. More serious or complex offenses are usually followed up with a Campus Safety investigation, while simple and minor offenses are not.

For minor offenses, letters are sent to the student informing him or her of the assignment of the appropriate amount of points. These students are then allowed 48 hours to appeal the assignment of points. These cases will be attend to by an Assistant Director of Residential Life, and students will be given between 1 and 6 points depending on the offense. These decisions are final. More serious cases will also be dealt with in this way if the student is a first time offender.

The Associate Dean of Students and a member of the Judicial Board will review more serious offenses or cases involving repeat offender. In such cases, between 1 and 10 points may be assigned to these students, again depending on the seriousness of the offense as outlined by the Points System.

The full Judicial Board will hear cases that could potentially result in expulsion or suspension. In such cases, a full range of sanction will be on the table, allowing the assignment of anywhere between 1 and 10 points, expulsion, suspension, or any other disciplinary action allowed under the Judicial System such as community service or awareness courses. The decisions in these cases are not final. Students may appeal such decisions with the Appeals Board.

NATIONAL NEWS

Roberts Says He'd Be No Ideologue as Chief Justice as Hearings Conclude

WASHINGTON - Chief Justice nominee John Roberts said Thursday there is no room for ideologues on the Supreme Court, declaring an "obligation to the Constitution" and to no other cause as he concluded three grueling days of confirmation testimony.

"If the Constitution says that the little guy should win, the little guy's going to win in court before me," Roberts told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "But if the Constitution says that the big guy should win, well, then the big guy's going to win."

Roberts' confirmation as successor to the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appears secure, the only question the size of his vote total and in particular his Democratic support. The Judiciary Committee is to vote its recommendation next week.

Roberts' views on abortion - and whether he would vote to overturn a landmark 1973 ruling on the issue - hung uncertainly over the hearings from beginning to end. "That's the big speculative question," summed up Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and the committee chairman moments after he declared the proceedings closed.

The White House and Republican leaders hope for approval by the full GOP-controlled Senate in time for the 50-year-old appeals court judge and former Reagan administration lawyer to take his seat on the opening day of the court's term on Oct. 3.

Roberts opened his appearance before the committee on Monday by declaring, "I have no agenda." He closed with a reformula-

FCC Giving Phone Aid for Katrina Victims

ATLANTA -- The head of the Federal Communications Commission announced Thursday plans to provide $211 million in aid to Hurricane Katrina victims to help restore phone service in areas hit hardest hit by the storm.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said the money would provide eligible evacuees with free telephone minutes, as well as help schools, libraries, health care providers and telecommunications carriers affected by the hurricane.

WORLD NEWS

Iran Prepared to Give Nuclear Technology to Other Islamic Nations, President Says

UNITED NATIONS - Iran is willing to provide nuclear technology to other Muslim states, Iran's hard-line president said Thursday. Hours later, European nations renewed an offer of economic incentives if the Mideast nation would halt its uranium enrichment.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made the comment after talking with Turkey's prime minister during a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations, Iran's state-run Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Ahmadinejad repeated promises that Iran will not develop nuclear weapons, the report said. Then he added: "Iran is ready to transfer nuclear know-how to the Islamic countries due to their need."

At the United Nations, foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany - the three European countries negotiating with Iran on behalf of the European Union - said Ahmadinejad was expected to respond to the renewed offer in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Saturday.

The U.N. spokesman, reporting on the president's meeting with Annan, said there were "cordial discussions on the need to continue the negotiations on the nuclear issue in search of a mutually agreed solution." A statement said Ahmedinejad reaffirmed his intention to put forward new proposals in his General Assembly speech on Saturday.

The U.S. State Department expressed concern about Ahmedinejad's reported proposal on transferring nuclear technology, saying it makes it more vital that other countries work in concert to stop the Iranian threat.

The United States, which suspects Iran may be seeking to develop nuclear weapons, and European countries warned last week that Tehran is running out of time to freeze uranium processing activities or face referral to the Security Council.

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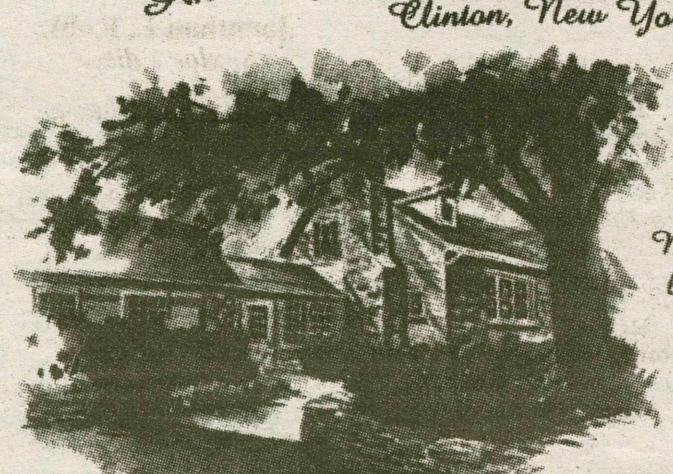

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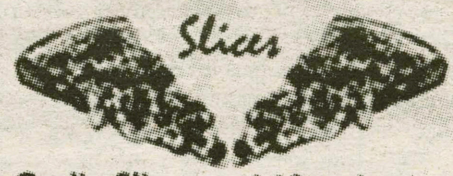

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Perhaps the two biggest stories on the Hill over the past several weeks have been the implementation of the new points system and the inconsistency surrounding late-night Jitney service. When these issues are examined at a more macro level, considering the ongoing dialogue regarding alcohol consumption and student safety, these issues become even more intriguing.

As part of Hamilton's stepped up enforcement of College policies, school officials have been patrolling the campus at night, going through dorms with resident advisors and campus safety officers, and going through parties held in social spaces. *The Spectator* supports the College's efforts to enforce state law and school policy; however, we strongly object to some of the methods by which administrators have done this. Specifically, we object to College officials arriving at campus parties unannounced wearing attire more typical of a 20 year-old sophomore than a Hamilton administrator.

Many students are willing to work with the school to help make Hamilton's alcohol-behavior more acceptable. But having deans slyly enter parties without alerting the organization throwing the party, specifically the social host, is NOT the way to gain students' trust and assistance in achieving this important goal. A parallel issue has to do with students feeling uncomfortable with administrators and professors being present at student parties. When our deans and professors went to College in the 60s and 70s, in the heyday of student activism and independence, what would they have done if "big brother" was watching them so closely?

The presence of College officials at social events may very well be driving students away from these parties and, possibly, to off campus social options in the village of Clinton. Unfortunately, the College has adamantly refused to reconsider its position that providing Jitney service to potentially save the lives of intoxicated drivers and their potential victims is not a priority. So while administrators' behavior may be forcing students downtown, the College has refused to help ensure their safety.

The College has good intentions. Most students want everyone to have a good time and to be safe. Responsible drinking and social behavior is something that must be addressed in our community, but it must be addressed through cooperation between students and administrators. And regardless of what is happening on the Hill, the College must provide safe-rides to the village so that our community does not face the tragedy that struck Colgate just a few years ago.

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President:

Martin Connor: I have only met a limited cross-section of our freshman class so far, but it is already quite apparent that our class is really something special, full of interesting and remarkable people. It is obvious that in the next four years we will accomplish great things, both as individuals and as a class. I feel that it is extremely important that we start off with a strong voice to ensure that the opinions and feelings of students directly influence this institution. I would be honored to serve our class as President; keeping our class informed and fighting for student interests.

Stuart Lombardi: "I offer our class leadership, ideas, dedication, and experience. I have a long record of success as Co-chairman of my school's student-faculty Senate, President of my senior class, and Governor of Jersey Boys' State. As class President, I will propose a Student Bill of Rights in the Student Assembly. I want to serve on the Funding and Facilities Committees and will maintain an open dialogue with the student body regarding the conversion of ELS to a student union, plans to renovate Bienecke, and the new point system. If you have any questions, e-mail me: slombard@hamilton.edu."

Tom Gillespie: I want to be the president of the class of 2009 because I want to make sure that your voice never goes unheard. This year more then any other it will be extremely important that no person in our class feel as if their best interests weren't represented in the student government. Elect me, Tom Gillespie as the President of the Class of 2009 and I will work tirelessly to make sure that no member of our class ever feels as if their voice ever went unheard.

Secretary and Treasurer:

Hillary Fixelle: My name is Hillary Fixelle and I am running for the secretary/treasurer position for the Class of 2009's Student Assembly. I am highly qualified for this position because I have many skills that will help me become an active participant in the Assembly. In addition to keeping your best interests in mind at all times, I promise to keep all the notes/minutes from meetings highly organized and easily accessible. My excellent note-taking and organizational skills, proactive approach to conflicts, monetary management skills, approachability, and my ability to work well with others will help me succeed as your secretary/treasurer.

Class Representatives:

Grant Blosser: Hello fellow Hamiltonians. My name is Grant Blosser and I am a friendly guy who will address the problems that are brought up both in formal discussion as well as complaints or concerns that I hear from my classmates throughout my daily life. As a student representative for the class of 2009 I will exemplify strong leadership and an open mind. p.s. I am not a crook.

Jason Brown: My name is Jason Brown and I am running for Class Representative. I believe that I can be influential in the Student Council to help the Class of '09 to attain our needs, reach our goals, and have a great four years at Hamilton College. I hope to keep our class informed on issues, and keep us as active as the other classes. I am willing to facilitate our class on issues from the most obscure to pressing needs. I will stand my ground for our class, and help us get what we need, which is a voice at Hamilton.

Emily Smith: My name is Emily Smith and I am running for freshman class representative. As we make the transition from high school to college it is important that our needs be met and understood. There is a wealth of experiences and challenges that will face us in the years ahead of us here at Hamilton. We as a class bring new voices and idea to an already thriving college community. It is my goal as class representative to help these voices be heard and help our class make the transition to college life as successfully and as smoothly as possible.

Amelia Barry: Even though we are independent now from our parents' watchful eyes, you might find it useful to have someone that is looking for what is needed. My organizational skills and drive to implement change could be working for you while you are busy with sports, clubs, studying, and of course partying. As one of your class representatives, I would make sure this was a year to remember! Help me put my passion for planning to good use. I will take care of the details you don't want to be bothered with, while planning the event you were hoping for.

Ilana Carlin: Hey! I'm Ilana Carlin, and I would love to be your class representative this year. I have a passion for student government; as a rep all through high school, I've really learned to listen to my peers. Either through picking up ideas in deliberate conversation, or just over hearing complaints, I make sure to really express your opinions. So through being a class rep, I can assure you I'll be here to listen and bring your ideas to the table, while adding some insight of my own. I love Hamilton and want your freshman year to be amazing. Thanks

Allison Gaston-Enholm: "So here it is, short and sweet. As your representative I promise to take my job seriously, work hard, listen, and be someone on campus that all of you can feel comfortable approaching. I'm very enthusiastic about this school and our class. I want to do everything I can to help us all get the most out our time here at Hamilton, and of course, to have fun. I would love the opportunity to represent you all, so please vote for me!"

James Giroday: Hey there! The new points system, I believe, has been set-up, and was implemented unfairly to a number of my friends and fellow classmates. I am hoping to address this specifically, and express assertively any thoughts you might have to the administration. I'm truly open-minded. Talk to me in person. You're truly more than welcome to at any time. If you don't know who I am, I'm the approachable Canadian that says 'aboot'. I hope to represent you. Thanks, James"

Jarrod Burton: My name is Jarrod Burton, and I'm from Freeport, Maine. Yes, Freeport is where L.L. Bean is. I have a decent amount of experience when it comes to being a representative. I spent all 4 years of high school on student council, including a year as treasurer and a year as president. However, that doesn't really matter-high school's over, and this is the start of something completely new for all of us. It would be my distinct honor and pleasure to be a liaison for the best and brightest Hamilton has yet to encounter, the class of 2009.

John Molfetas: I am John Molfetas and I am hoping to represent the Class of 2009 as class representative in the Student Assembly. The motto of the Solomon islands is: "to lead is to serve." My goal is to serve you with my integrity, innovative ideas, and excellent people skills. My past experience includes serving on my school's student council as secretary and representative. Most people running for any post promise you everything but this is unfeasible. I promise you nothing but once elected, I will do my best to represent your interests through feedback and strong leadership.

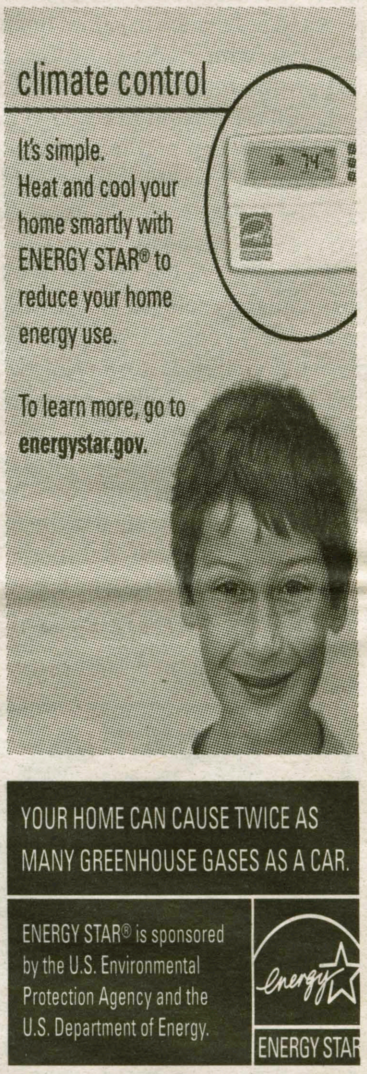
Honor Court Representatives:

Alex Paridon: My name is Alex Paridon and I am running for the position of Honor Court Representative for the Hamilton class of 2009. I believe that the Honor Court is one of Hamilton College's greatest institutions. The Honor Code ensures that academic integrity is upheld. No student should have an unfair advantage over another. If elected I will do everything in my power to uphold the ideals set fourth in the Honor Code and make sure that any who is in violation of the code is brought before the court to stand trial for their actions.

Matthew Eichenfield: I'll keep this short and simple...Hamilton is a great place and I hope to give back to the community by serving as your Honor Court Representative. I believe that people are naturally good, everyone deserves a second chance, and that you should always be responsible for their actions. If you have any specific questions please e-mail me at meichenf@hamilton.edu or drop by my room, Dunham 006.

Jakob Saidman: For the past two years, I was involved with Honor Code infractions, serving as one of six Honor Council representatives at my high school. The Honor Code is an integral part of any school's attempt to create a fair and just academic community, and the Code's importance should not be trivialized. By reading through the Honor Court Constitution, I believe that I have a firm understanding of the policies of Hamilton's Honor Code. I have always enjoyed being part of the Honor Council, and would be extremely honored to represent the class of 2009 as an Honor Court Representative.

Phil DiPirro: I should be elected the Class of 2009's Honor Court representative because I fully believe in the ideals of the Hamilton College Honor Code. I care deeply about the academic integrity of our College and would therefore provide a firm yet levelheaded voice as a member of the Honor Court. If elected, I would work tirelessly to represent you, my fellow members of the Class of 2009, in the fairest way possible. I would be honored to have your vote as Honor Court representative for the Class of 2009. You won't regret voting for me, Phil DiPirro.



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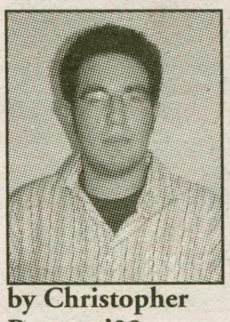
The Peter Principle: Brown unqualified for job



by Christopher Bouton '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

The response to Hurricane Katrina was a failure of the government at every level. It was, however, the failure at the top that magnified the mistakes of those down on the bottom. Call it a trickle down effect of incompetence and ignorance.

The first such mistake was the appointment of Michael Brown as the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). No doubt, Mr. Brown was a political appointment meant to reward a party loyalist. This has been the modus operandi in Washington since Andrew Jackson, so it would be foolish to criticize political cronyism; it's an accepted fact of life. What is worthy of criticism is the placement of Mr. Brown in a position for which he was not qualified. As it has been widely reported, Mr. Brown was forced to resign from the International Arabian Horse Association, a clear pre-requisite to any job in emergency management.

So, the question is: why was this man put in charge of FEMA in the first place? Surely there are better places to reward a party loyalist. Why not an ambassadorship to the Federated States of Micronesia? Or a job as Under-Secretary of Equinology? Surely in these jobs Mr. Brown could have been rewarded for his loyalty to the Republican cause.

The blame does not stop or begin at Mr. Brown; surely some blame lies with President Bush. Here is a president who, on the day the hurricane struck, was on message talking about the need to reform Social Security while in Arizona. He did not return to Washington until three days after the storm hit, thereby cutting short his vacation by two days. To justify his five week Crawford, Texas, vacation, the president stated on August 14, 2005, "I think the people want the president to be in a position to make good, crisp decisions and to stay healthy."

In the September 19 issue of *Newsweek*, the level of the failure of the Federal government is clearly demonstrated. Outlined in the article is the basic view of how the White House really functions: "Bush can be petulant about dissent; he equates disagreement with disloyalty. After five years in office, he is surrounded largely by people who agree with him." President Bush has made clear his disdain for newspapers and the news media, instead relying on aides to brief him on important matters. This leads to a question: why is it that in an instance of national emergency the president is uninformed? Is it because his aides were too fearful of telling him the truth? Or is it because the president will not read a newspaper or turn on Fox News to get the information of the day? Even GI Joe cartoons taught us that "knowing is half the battle." So how is it possible that the president was unaware or simply unwilling to inform himself on one of the most important issues of his presidency, an issue that would require governmental action and an informed decision by the president for a response? Is this a case of widespread incompetence and ignorance? Is the Peter Principle really so blatantly in effect here?

Do we truly live by the Peter Principle that we all rise to a respective level of incompetence? Examples of this are commonplace in the Bush administration. George "Slam Dunk" Tenet was given the presidential Medal of Freedom, Paul "The Iraq reconstruction will pay for itself" Wolfowitz was named head of the World Bank, and Condeleeza "Bin Ladin Determined to Attack inside US" Rice was named Secretary of State. And if these people are rewarded for their work what does it say of their boss? Rewarding political loyalists with jobs they're not qualified for, it's not what the people of New Orleans needed while their city flooded, and it's not what the people of America need in a time of crisis.

Hamilton students protest war

by Jessica Mariglio '07
Insights & Ideas Contributor

On Saturday September 24, tens of thousands of protesters will be marching on Washington in protest of the War in Iraq. Dozens of those protesters will be members of the Hamilton community. Although our individual reasons for protesting this war may vary, we all agree that the war caused more harm than good. As one of the main organizers of the Hamilton portion of this protest, I feel it necessary to educate the rest of community on why I feel a moral obligation to protest the war.

The war in Iraq has cost the United States an estimated total of 204.6 billion dollars so far. That means that each household, on average, has unknowingly contributed 1,938 dollars, and each individual person 728 dollars (www.costofwar.com). With this money, the US could have provided 9,409,615 students with four year scholarships at public universities, given 116,228,587 children adequate health insurance for one year, fully funded anti-world hunger actions for 8 years, fully funded world-wide AIDS programs for 19 years, or ensured that every child in the world would be given basic immunizations for 64 years. (www.costofwar.com).

Furthermore, the war was advertised to the people of the United States and the rest of the world through a series of convoluted and deceptive explanations, most of which have now been uncovered as blatant lies. The war was announced to us during a time of great loss, mourning, fear and confusion. The American people were emotionally unstable after the events of September 11th, and George W. Bush and his administration took advantage of our vulnerable state. We trusted him to lead us through such a dark time in our nation's history, to help rebuild and redeem our nation. Instead, he drove us head first into a quagmire of deceit, corruption and greed under the false name of patriotism.

By demonstrating in Washington in a mass, peaceful protest, we help make the anti-war opposition visible. We defend the principle that Americans have the right to have their voices heard, even during wartime. We will stand alongside Cindy Sheehan and others who have lost sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and friends in a war that has yet to be justified. We protest so those who are silently suffering the repercussions of the war can have a bit of hope. We protest so the children of Iraq, who live every day amidst the violence, bloodshed and fear caused by this war, can have hope for a better future.

If you are interested in attending the protest on September 24th, or want more information on how to get involved, please email Haley Reimbold at Hreimbol@hamilton.edu.

Thumbs up

- The freshman facebook, how else do you think you got invited to our parties?

- AD's domination of G-Road: proving snow can fall in September.

- The football team: An excuse to get drunk at 10 a.m.

- Drunken theft of your late night diner meal, getting even for the lack of a second hash.

- Threesomes

Thumbs down

- The Cycling troupe, yeah I thought bikes were cool too, and then I turned 12.

- "Returning the Favor."

- Crocs: I'd rather have athlete's foot.

- The Streaking Team: isn't it lewd behavior? Administration, do your job.

- Going to sleep before your professor on a Saturday night.

by Chris Sessa '06, Justin Parker '06, and "Mildred"

Who cares

- "The Green Cafe": Dude, what's in these dank brownies, man?

- The 14 schools ranked ahead of us.

- The Light Side.

- Your "boyfriend" from home.

Left! Right! Hamilton Let's Fight!

This week's topic: Gay Marriage

by Jessica Lewis '07
Insights & Ideas Writer

The issue of legalizing gay marriage is not about whether you believe in homosexuality, whether or not you are homosexual, or how you in particular choose to live your life. This argument is about whether or not you think it is justifiable to decide for others what is right for them. The United States government derives its powers from the consent of the governed and is thereby obligated to provide and protect for its citizens certain unalienable rights, one of which is the pursuit of happiness. The government's job is not to promote popular morality or opinion, but to protect the rights of its citizens.

In pondering the debate on gay marriage, we must ask ourselves: does allowing homosexuals to legally marry harm others in society? Some opponents to gay marriage might argue that by recognizing gay marriage we are in effect compromising the sanctity of the institution of marriage, thereby shaking the very foundation of our successful society. However, at the core of marriage is a vow to uphold love, honor, and commitment to another; regardless of the gender of the partners, relationships such as these will still benefit society.

But will gay marriage degrade the integrity of the institution of marriage? The 2001 U.S. Census Report shows that for every 8.1 marriages (rate per 1,000 population) there were 4.0 divorces. If marriage is the building block of our society, it is certainly not very a stable one.

Gays and lesbians have fought tirelessly for their right to wed, but what exactly are they fighting for? Aside from the social recognition, there are also very logistical benefits of marriage. Approximately 1,400 legal rights are given to married couples in the U.S. Typically these are composed of about 400 state benefits and over 1,000 federal benefits, including the rights to joint parenting/adoption, status as next-of-kin for hospital visits and medical decisions, joint insurance policies for home, auto, and health, benefits such as annuities, pension plans, and Medicare, and joint filing on tax forms. (source: House Committee on the Judiciary; General Accounting Office).

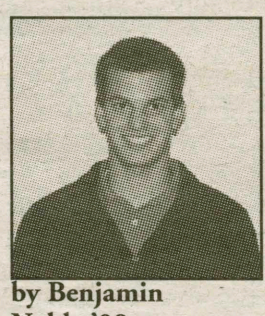
Homosexuals deserve, and are entitled to, legal protection and public recognition of their vow to commitment. After all, those who are willing to fight so hard for these rights will probably do more to uphold the moral values of marriage than many heterosexuals do.

The reality of this issue is that at the core of many anti-gay marriage arguments lie homophobia or strict religious values, both of which are difficult to challenge or argue against intelligently.

The debate over homosexual marriages mirrors the 1960s controversy over interracial marriage. Seen as "unnatural" and "morally corrupt," interracial couples were not allowed before 1967 to marry by law in all 50 states. Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple, were married in Washington, D.C. in 1958, and in 1963, they initiated a suit challenging the constitutionality of the anti-miscegenation law.

In March of 1966, the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals upheld the law, but in June of 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled the law unconstitutional. Finally, in 1967 the 16 states which still had anti-miscegenation laws on their books were forced to erase them.

Looking back, we can see close-mindedness and discrimination as key factors in why interracial relationships were illegal. Can we not look forward and see the homosexual-marriage debate in the same light? We cannot legislate what we deem as "morality," as that requires ignoring the subjectivity of what is moral and hurts an entire subset of the American population. Until stronger arguments are set forth proving the harm in gay marriage, those who oppose gay marriage must learn to live and let live.



by Benjamin Noble '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

A week ago, the debate of gay marriage recently focused on California again. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has promised to veto a state bill that would legalize homosexual marriage because it goes against the will of Californians.

Schwarzenegger is not only in touch with his citizens but also with all Americans. In a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll of March 18-20, 2005, 68% of the respondents believed that gay marriages should not be legalized and come with the same traditional marriage rights.

Clearly a majority of Americans are against homosexual marriage. There are many legitimate reasons to why a majority in this country are in opposition to gays tying the knot.

The main and most definite reason to why there should not be same-sex marriages is that marriage is defined strictly as a union between a man and a woman as husband and wife (and in most cases) in holy matrimony. PERIOD. That is the definition and to have any other form of union is not a marriage.

Marriage is one of society's most important and basic institutions. It serves a specific social purpose of fostering a stable community and a good environment to raise a family. Although marriage is for love and companionship, the original intent and still the most important, is for procreation.

Homosexual marriage would further weaken the traditional family values essential to our society. Gay marriage will open up a whole conundrum of questions. The main problem is whether gay couples could adopt children or have children unnaturally. If they could have children, it would be a catastrophe. It is absolutely necessary for a traditional household to raise a child. Children need a mother and father to grow and develop into healthy and respectable adults.

Practically all religions in this nation believe that homosexuality is a sin. The Judeo-Christian tradition was and still is the foundation of the United States. Permitting gay marriage would further degrade religion in American society to an even lower state.

If gay marriage were allowed, our laws forbidding polygamy, incestual marriages, and other heinous unions would be in question. In response to this argument, advocates of same-sex marriages argue that marriages have evolved over the decades (citing the permission of divorces, contraception in wedlock, and inter-racial marriages). But they forget that all of these evolutions of marriage still involved a man and a woman.

The majority of Americans believe some or all of these reasons against same-sex marriages. Regardless of if you libs out there who do not agree with the majority, we live in a democracy where majority rules.

There are minority rights, such as being protected from hate-crimes and not being discriminated in employment and accommodation, but gay marriage is not included. The minority does not have a right to undemocratically get what they want through the courts.

The role of the judiciary is to interpret the constitutionality of laws passed by the legislature and actions of the executive. It is not to make laws from the bench and participate in undemocratic judicial activism.

The issue of homosexual marriage is strictly a political concern. This subject has no place in the courts and therefore the people should decide the matter democratically.

If gay rights activists want same-sex marriage, they have to take their case to the American people. They have to articulate their arguments and persuade people that they have the superior position. That is how politics works in this country. Gay rights activists should campaign to the people, not to a bunch of isolated liberal-minded judges.

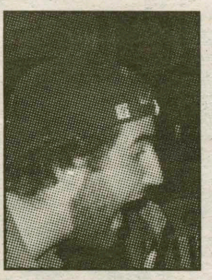
Our Constitution does not declare anywhere the power to grant marriages nationally. According to Amendment X, the states have jurisdiction over undelegated powers (i.e. marriage). Therefore each state should individually settle other arrangements such as civil union and reciprocal beneficiary.

Now before you Rainbow Alliance members and your allies chase me off of campus and into exile, remember your green Aristotle t-shirts from last year's Ward Churchill controversy.

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question: What is your signature Commons meal?

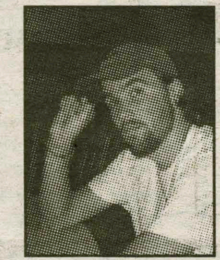
by Rebecca Grusky '06



"Whatever is left on the conveyor belt."
~Jay Rishel '06

"A cinnamon bagel... toasted... lightly, with a dash of cinnamon on top. Butter too."
~Ray DeMartino '07

"Pizza, steak and potatoes." ~Jordan Fischetti '08



"Cran-grape juice and buffalo BBQ burgrs."
~Jeff Seymour '09

"Deviled eggs."
~Anna Zane '06

"Cottage cheese, brown sugar, raisins and some grapenuts (for some extra crunch) all mixed together." ~Evelyn Shapiro '06

"I don't like to sell and out just drink the fruit punch- I make my own. It's mostly grape and cranberry juice with some apple juice. The grape and cranberry are really heavy, so the apple juice lightens it up."
~Jesse Stromwick '09

Advice Column: dear Hamilton Helper

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I've noticed that after only three weeks at Hamilton, I'm already getting sick of the food at the dining halls. I just need more variety instead of the same old thing. What can I do about this since I'm stuck on the 21 meal plan?
-Dull Diner

Dear Dull,

What you should try and do is try something new and different everyday that you eat at the dining hall. You're here at college to try new things, so do exactly that and try something you haven't tried before each day. If that doesn't work you can just eat a late lunch, skip dinner and go to the diner and get an new flavor of ice cream everyday. Nobody could get sick of Ben and Jerry's ice cream, and it'll really help with that freshman fifteen thing, right?

Dear Hamilton Helper,

My room has become something of a gathering point for my friends and members of my dorm. When they need a place to hang out it always seems to be in my room with people "just stopping by to say hi" and staying for a couple hours. I wouldn't really mind this except it keeps me from doing my homework and sleeping a lot of the time. What can I do?
-Discouraged by Dorm Drop-ins

Dear Discouraged,

It might simply work to tell these friends of yours that you really need some time alone or that you'd really like to go to bed. I'm sure that they can find someplace else to hang out. If they still refuse to leave then all you need to do is say that you have this really annoying rash that won't go away and that you hope it's not contagious as you violently scratch yourself. I think they'll find another room to hang out in.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

My roomate's birthday is coming up and I have no idea what to get her. We haven't really known each other for a long time, and I don't really have the time to go out and get her something really great. What can I get her?
-Bamboozled by Birthday

Dear Bamboozled,

It's possible that your roommate has mentioned in passing that there is something she really wishes she had for your dorm room, or has even admired something that you brought from home. If this is the case, then all you have to do is order the item online and have it shipped to either you or her directly. If you don't have time for this because you procrastinated, then just find random stuff around your room and try and pass it off as a gift. Those socks with dancing kittens from your grandmother, those half melted tootsie rolls and the free rape whistle and condoms from the Campus Life Open House will make a lovely gift if you pair them with, say, a Hamilton pen.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

There are just too many clubs and groups on campus. How can I choose the one that is right for me?
-Confused by Clubs

Dear Confused,

Trust me, I know the feeling. I get about 30 e-mails for different clubs and groups everyday. Here's what you do. Just select a number, say 6, and the e-mail that corresponds to that number is the club you join. Who knows-the bread bakers guild might reaffirm your life and take you to wondrous new places, or you might go watch a movie.

Have a question for the Hamilton Helper?

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Email her at rgriffin@hamilton.edu.

Freshmen dislike required First-Year Forum

by Molly McGaughan '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

After a week of orientation and two weeks for AA campers, the freshman class continues on its mission of becoming 'oriented' at Hamilton. Another addition to the list: First Year Forum. This new class, with meetings twice a week for an hour and fifteen minutes for the first 5 weeks of classes, was instated this year by the Dean of Students office.

The idea of the class is to allow an open forum for freshman, facilitating any questions relating to the college. Although the class does not require attendance, two absences can place you in the back of the registration for next semester's classes. Upperclassmen may recognize the class from years past when it once counted towards a gym credit. Even though the class has good intentions, the majority of freshmen are strongly opposed to it. Travis Blood, a freshman athlete at Hamilton, thinks that the course "takes away from other opportunities where you could be doing things, like homework. They've already talked about a lot of it, so it seems somewhat redundant."

That seems to be the common theme among freshmen even though the course objective is one of honest and helpful intentions. The forum reviews ideas like time management, the honor code and judicial system, as well as odds and ends of the College that freshmen may not have been exposed to yet. Conducted by one or two students and two faculty members, any questions are answered with knowledgeable and helpful responses. Sarah Voigt '06, a First Year Forum student leader, has heard that "there have been some good groups and some bad groups. It's clear the class needs some tweaking." The 'tweaking,' however, can only be done by the Dean of Students office after a re-evaluation of the class and its purpose.

> "In fact, most students face the awkward situation of being caught in dead silence with their sleepy and uninterested peers than really learning anything."

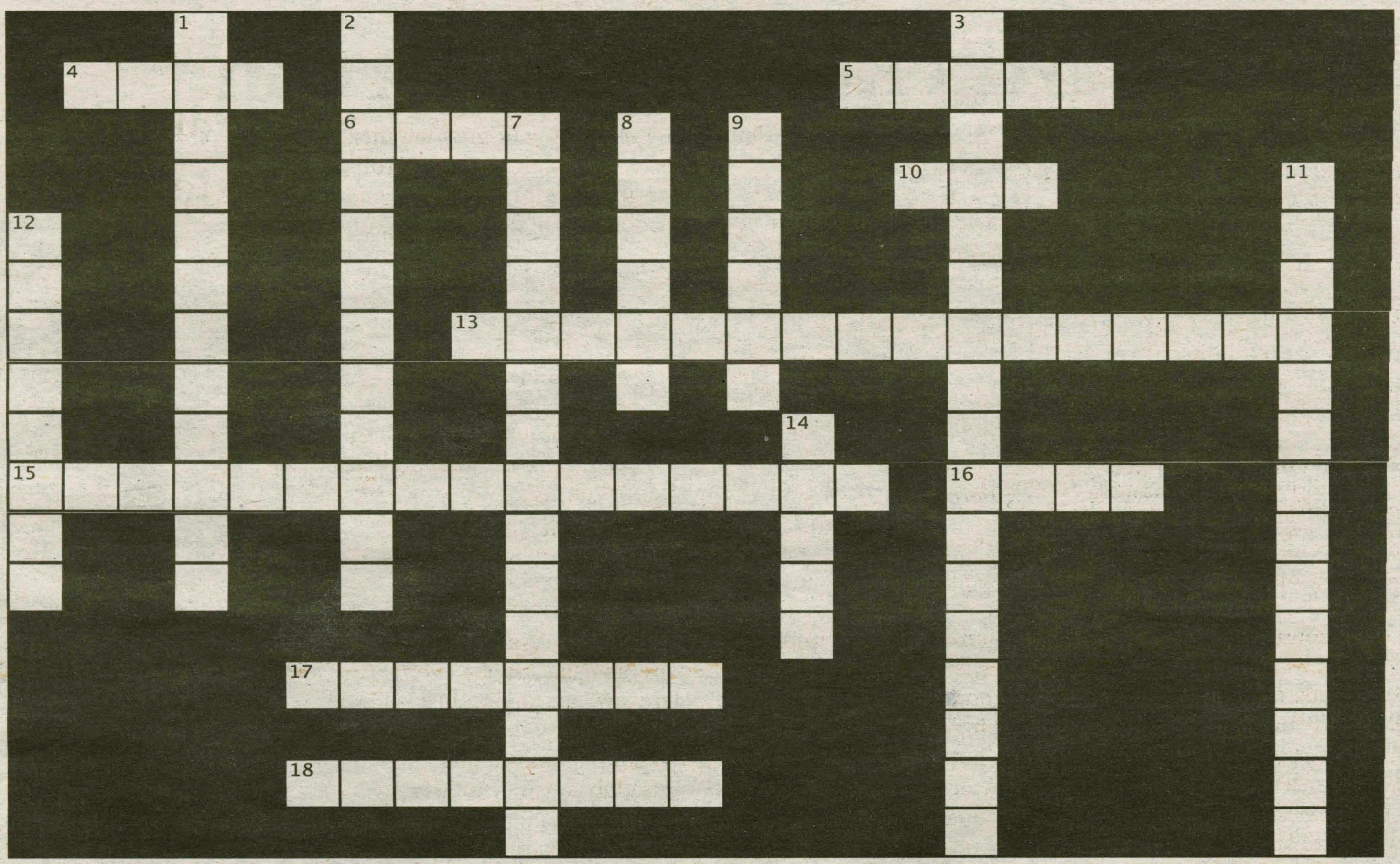
The alternatives for changing such a class range from abolishing it totally, shortening the time period, or even allowing it to be optional for all students. So, although I appreciate the insight and advice being given by the experienced leaders of the forum, it is a bit ironic to be learning about time management skills in a class that takes up two and a half hours of time per week. It seems as though the stress on becoming 'orientated' as a first year student is almost making the freshmen more leery of the entire process.

In fact, most students face the awkward situation of being caught in dead silence with their sleepy and uninterested peers than really learning anything. Freshman Taryn Talmadge thinks that "if people aren't excited about it, it's not going to be effective." Everyone else adjusted without the forum their freshman year: is the class of '09 supposedly incapable of doing so themselves? Obviously this is not the reason for the addition of this course, but it is grounds to question the validity of a very time consuming obligation. Until then, we freshman are left with no choice but to make the best of the situation and learn what we can through the course, or at least use it as a study hall.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06

You Can Do It

Reduce your risk of Alzheimer's...do the crossword puzzle!



Across
4. The ______ Side
5. Place for movie screenings: abbr.
6. Old AD
10. Martin's way animal
13. Thursday's Opus sandwich
15. Tree removed last year in front of Bristol
16. Spectator section
17. Draft import at the Little Pub
18. The Town of ________

Down
1. New Diner item
2. Part of AAF
3. Monday lunch special
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8. Late-night transportation, sometimes
9. Audio ________
11. Book store company
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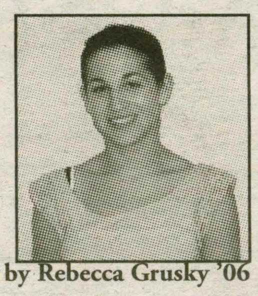
14. The ________ Side



by Rebecca Grusky '06

Answers to last week's puzzle:

ACROSS

2. Environmental Studies
4. Soda
5. WHCL
7. Bristol
9. Equivalency
11. Cosby
12. Sushi
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Special events in our community: the Farmer's Market on the Green

by Whitney Kimmel '08
FEATURES EDITOR

Every Thursday during the warm weather, Clinton and its surrounding communities pool their produce, crafts and home-made goods for the Farmer's Marker on the Green. The event takes place every from 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and lasts until October 13.

This October will mark the first year that the Market has remained open through September and into October. Ferris J. Betrus, Executive Vice President of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and the coordinator of the Farmer's Market, commented that, "fall is the time when you have the biggest harvest, this is the best time for cider, apples, gourds and home-grown produce."

He excitedly explained that he felt the community was "missing out" by only staying open until the end of summer.

The Market draws vendors from more than an hour away. Betrus explained that about "two out of every ten are from Clinton." He feels the Farmer's Market is a strong way to bring communities together and urges the Hamilton community to take advantage of the event. He said, "we are trying to bring Clinton and Hamilton together. We welcome students and hope more can experience the Market."

Margaret Danesi, a local farmer from Canastota, New York, loves the market. When asked why she enjoyed participating, she explained, "I really love it. I like that I am able to grow organic food and sell it without a middle-man. This is much more direct and you can sell your goods at better cost. Its just more personal – from farmer, to you."

Danesi has only been involved in Clinton's Farmer's Market for one year, but is a veteran to such events. She said she usually attends two other markets per year. After she harvests her produce (which consists mostly of winter squash and pumpkins this year) she spends one day rationing what she will sell at the market. She inherited her farm from her family and feels this is one of the best ways to circulate her harvest.

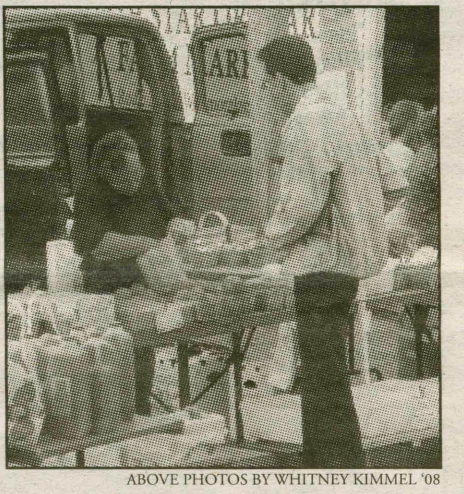
The Market also provides a social space for the village of Clinton.

Danesi explained, "It's a nice way to get people out and socializing ... especially when its warm, people don't always want to go out but this gives them a reason to go and see people they may not have seen in a while." Similarly, Betrus feels, "the Market does a great deal for the elderly as well. Come winter, some of them may not even go outside. The Chamber tries to do a lot for the community and this is a nice way to bring people together."

On an average day over 500 people may frequent the market.

Betrus noted that, "when it rains, its significantly less. We usually see about 250-300 on a rainy day." With over 30 vendors, the Market has a wide variety and is often changing. In early summer the produce is mostly plants, summer brings a lot of flowers and crafts while fall brings fruits and vegetables, seasonal wares, honey and ciders. Dried flowers, wreaths, knitted scarves and hats as well as jewelry are only a few of the things one might find at the market.

The market is a sure sign of fall and Hamilton students are missing out if they don't go. Its one of the best kept secrets in the area.



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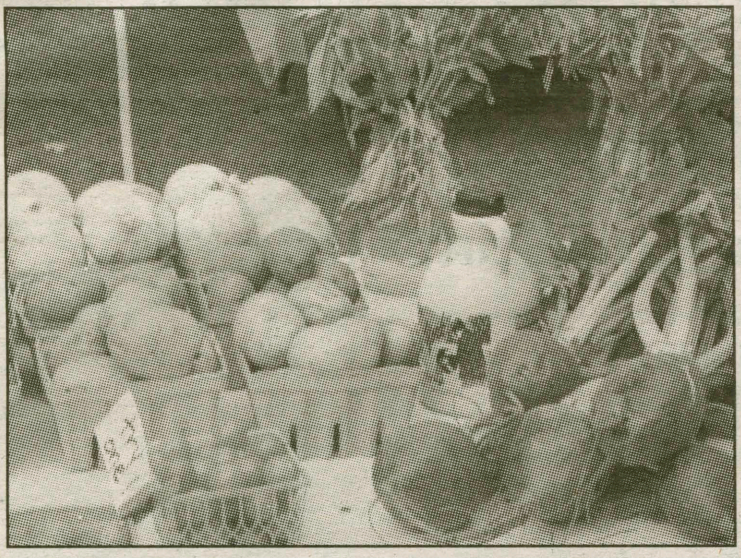
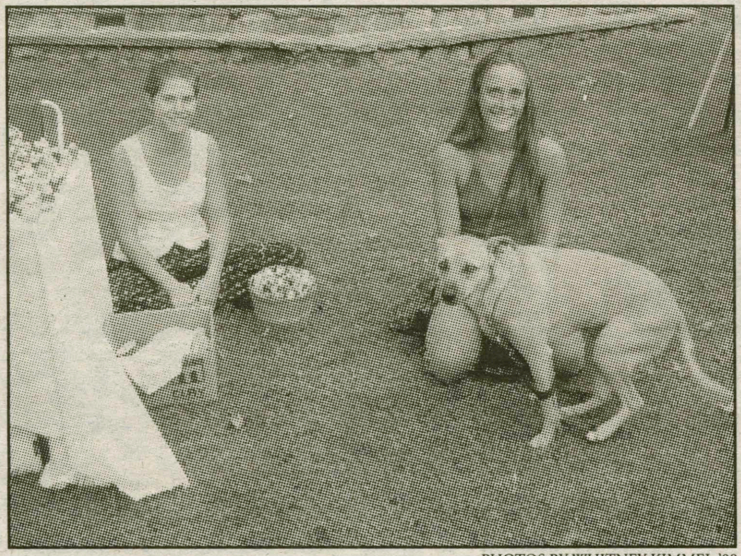
Above, locals browse fresh goods





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Two vendors take a break to catch up on gossip.
Far above: a variety of fruits and vegetables

June 23rd - October 13th

Open from 12:30-5:30 every Thursday.

This it the 9th year Clinton has hosted the Farmer's Market, and it is the first year the market has remained open into October.

The Farmer's Market on the Green is a yearly event bringing vendors and farmers from all over the region to sell their home-made and home-grown goods.

Visitors find a wide range of goods including fresh produce, crafts, hand-made jewelry, apple cider, hamburgers and hotdogs while being entertained by live music.

"We want to welcome Hamilton Students to the Market. We're doing everything we can to open up relationships between students and Clinton"

- Ferris J. Betrus

Know the Facts about C.A.B.

by Ashley Stagner '09
FEATURES WRITER

I have something shocking to tell everyone who is reading this article- all the bands, singers, entertainers, and comedians that have performed on our campus did not just happen to drive by and decide to perform here. They were scheduled by the members of the Campus Activity Board, based on suggestions that were made by students who went to the weekly meetings (Wednesday's at 7p.m. in the Bristol Basement).

Leading CAB is the newly appointed Assistant Director of Student Activities, Paul Ryan '02; the two co-chairs, Carolynn Bell '06 and Caroline Beaudrias '06; the office manager, Amanda Iturbe '08; the concert coordinator, Ryan Mullins '08; and the comedy coordinator, Adam Hobson '06. Currently there are three executive positions that are available to interested persons; acoustic coffeehouse coordinator, special events coordinator, and the publicity coordinator.

Ryan is not planning on making any changes to CAB, but he does wish to improve the quality of the program even more, and to further "attempt to meet the needs of the entire student body". Ryan is there more to advise the co-chairs, because they are the ones who actually lead the meetings. One thing Ryan says is that "when people complain that there's nothing to do, well, they don't show up to voice their opinions."

Bell and Beaudrias are the co-leaders of CAB, and they were elected to their position by the members of the executive board. Besides leading the weekly meetings, they are also responsible for the training of the Campus Activities Board members, the financial records, the yearly and semester budgets and numerous other activities.

When Bell and Beaudrias were asked about how they liked their new director, they replied that he was a good choice because he is a past graduate of Hamilton, he was a member of CAB, and that he knows how students act.

They interest students about CAB through e-mails, snacks (bribery), and by word of mouth. Bell says, "Students have a voice, and we want to listen". That is the focus of CAB- allowing students to have a say about the forms of entertainment that Hamilton provides for the student body.

The meetings in the Bristol Center are pretty casual; the members bring in CDs and videos for everyone to listen/watch, and then a vote occurs. It's pretty basic; thumbs up if you like it, thumbs down if you didn't, and if the majority agrees, the name of the performer goes down on the list of potential entertainers.

Just last week they had Raining Jane at the Acoustic coffeehouse, along with Exodus at the Pub. Mitch Fatel, a stand up comedian who has recently been on Saturday Night Live, will be at the Fillius Events Barn on September 24 at 7:30p.m., and Dennis Haskin who played Mr. Belding on "Saved by the Bell", will be here on October 6.

Anyone who is interested in helping to choose future entertainers and performers, go to the weekly meetings! Your input is very valuable to CAB, and the more students that participate, the better the likelihood of getting performers that everyone (or at least the majority) will enjoy.

For more information about this semester's CAB events turn to page 15 of The Spectator. *The Campus Activities Board is an organization that is open to all students.*

Beyond Keystone: a weekly beer review

by Jesse Gaylord '06
and Jeff Dixon '06
FEATURES WRITERS

Welcome back to week two of "Beyond Keystone." As summer winds to an end, so does the stock of summer ales on the shelves. Summer ales are like summer days; light, smooth, and carefree. Generally, summer ales have wheat substituted for barley in the malting process. This results in a lighter, more aromatic brew. Within wheat beers, there are two styles that we tasted. The first is a straight, filtered variety, while the second, termed hefeweizen, is an unfiltered product. The unfiltered nature gives the beer a little more "oomf" in its mouthfeel. So this week, we snatched up as many as our budget allowed, and were impressed with the results.

> **"Summer ales are like summer days; light, smooth, and carefree."**

The first beer we tried was Otter Creek's "Middleberry Ale." Otter Creek has been brewing beer out of Middlebury, Vermont since 1991. They pride themselves on small batch, craft brewed ales. The "Middleberry Ale" is their signature summer beer and really piqued the interest of one of our testers. When you open the bottle, an overwhelming berry aroma hits your nose. Jeff went so far as to say the drinker is "accosted" by the smell of berries. Although the aroma may lead the drinker to think otherwise, the taste of berries only becomes apparent in the finish. We felt that one of the foremost characteristics of the brew was its full mouthfeel. This brew befriended our mouths in the way none of the other beers could. Although wheat beers are known for their light finish, "Middleberry Ale" had a surprisingly strong berry finish. Overall a great beer for the berry beer lovers among you. We give this beer an 8 out of 10. Other beers you might enjoy if you like this are Long Trail Blackberry Ale and Ithaca Apricot Wheat.

The next beer we sampled was Magic Hat "Batch 370." This beer came as a mystery beer in Magic Hat's "Summer Carnival" 12-pack. Mystery beers are put in the Magic Hat packs for people to try and report back to Magic Hat. "Batch 370" was a significant beer in our taste test because it is a mix of barley and wheat. One of the principal characteristics of the brew is the lack of clarity in the color of the beer. This lack of clarity also translates into other characteristics like the flavor of the beer. The flavor and mouthfeel are somewhere in between a traditional wheat ale and a barley ale. It pours with a light amber hue that leaves solid legs on the glass. We found that tasting this beer warm brings out a lot more of the flavor. The floral undertones of this beer really drive it home as a summer ale. This beer is a great crossover ale for those who enjoy a more traditional ale during the summer. We give this beer a 9 out of 10.

After indulging in our first Magic Hat, we moved onto Blue Point Brewing Company's "Summer Ale." We found this beer to be dropping a strong Heineken vibe. From its unremarkable, light pour to its tingly mouthfeel, the "Summer Ale" fails to engage our spirits like the previous two beers did. Although not a phenomenal brew, it gets the job done when quaffed in the summer sun. We could see ourselves drinking these beers at a family picnic where you need to get down a few quick to tolerate Uncle Ralph. As we write this, we drink more and more, searching for anything, literally, anything, but it doesn't come. This is the training wheels of wheat beers. If you want to dive into a better beer after a life of Keystone, this is the beer for you. We give this beer a 5 out of 10.

Moving forward from the bland Blue Point offering, we stepped into a world of Flying Dog's "In-Heat Wheat." The brewery describes this brew as one that "taunts and teases with confidence and flair, she struts past until she gets a chin-dropping holy shit stare." This run of the mill hefeweizen doesn't do anything to further the style of unfiltered wheat beers. While it may not be groundbreaking, it is right on target with what a hefe should be. There is a full bodied mouthfeel and unpresumptuous taste that greets the taster. This is a beer that you can certainly enjoy but it is hard to be passionate about. If you are interested in other beers along this line, we would recommend Harpoon's UFO. We give this brew a 7 out of 10.

Our next offering was from Magic Hat again. Their summer ale "Hocus Pocus" hits you with hints of lemon as you open the bottle then takes you on a roller coaster of flavor as you drink it. The brewery states that this beer is a mix of lemon and ginger. This witchy mix ensures that this strange "brew" is a hit. The beer pours a light but hazy amber that adds to the mysteriousness of the beer. The lemon flavor begins and ends the ride with you while the ginger gets on midway through the journey. The crisp taste that the ginger adds could act as a potent stomach settler. The brew fills your mouth like warm honey. This is a perfect beer to drink on a fire tower in the Green Mountains watching the 4th of July fireworks. We give this beer a 7.5 out of 10 and since this beer is so mysterious, it is in a world of its own.

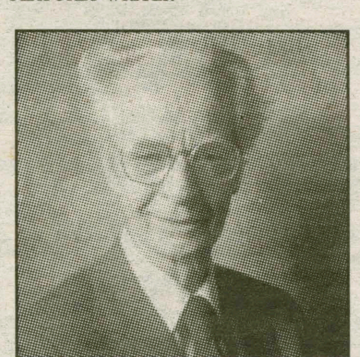
"Irresistable, Flirtatious, Aromatic, Soft, Supple, Unavoidable, Smooth, Exuberant, Glistening, Wild, Firm, Rare, Succulent, Luscious, Ripe, Natural, Glowing, Curvaceous." These are the words that Boulder Brewing Company uses to describe their "Sweaty Betty Blonde Ale" and we couldn't have said it better ourselves. On first impression, this beer was toying with our emotions, almost yanking our chains. Betty's legs were long and her color pleasing. The complex aroma knocked us off our feet like a real blond should. And with an alcohol content of 5.9%, this is a blond that is easy to take home. Yet like lots of blonds, this is a beer that's easy to talk about, but hard to talk to. While the name, label and aroma are beautiful, the execution is unremarkable. This is a beer you have to work to like because it has very little flavor. We give this beer a 6 out of 10 on appearance alone. If you like the Blue Point Summer Ale, you'd like this.

As the lazy days turn into the school filled days of fall, we encourage you to hold onto the summer sun and buy these beers. Our top three were the two Magic Hats and the Otter Creek. As skiers, we may have a leaning towards Vermont brews, these three are truly worth tasting. All of these beers are available at Kraig's Kegs on Route 5 in Sherrill, as well as most of the beers we will taste this semester.

And remember, friends don't let friends pass Stones.

Hamilton History

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER



Many people may wonder just who is Hamilton's most famous alumni. My belief is that our most well-known, and certainly one of the most influential graduates, is the psychologist B.F. Skinner. Most people forget that he actually graduated from Hamilton with a ...degree in English literature. Yes, you read that right.

Born on March 20, 1904, in the countryside of Pennsylvania, just below Binghamton, NY, Burrhus Frederic Skinner (no wonder he went by B.F.) spent his childhood inventing many useful (and some not so useful) contraptions. At Hamilton, he stayed an outsider, not enjoying the fraternity parties or football games. He wrote for the school newspaper and was an atheist, a rare thing in those days. After graduating from Hamilton in 1926 with his English degree, Skinner moved back home in hopes of being a writer. However, he wrote little more than a few newspaper articles, and at the age of 24, enrolled in the graduate program in psychology at Harvard University.

Working in the psychology department, Skinner also began studying under a professor in the newly founded physiology department. Both sections thought he was under the supervision of the other, but in fact, Skinner was performing his own experiments. His first major discovery was on rats, where he determined that the rats performed based on a preceding stimulus, as previously thought, but instead based on what happened before the action. He named this finding "operant behavior." The nature of the consequences of the rats' actions was called "operant conditioning." Skinner continued to study under a fellowship for the next five years, publishing his first book, *The Behavior of Organisms* in 1938.

After working with pigeons during World War II and designing a crib for infants called the "baby tender" (which later led to the "Skinner box," used for studying animals in a lab setting), Skinner tried his hand at writing (good thing he got that English degree!). Published in 1948, his fictional novel *Walden Two* related a Utopian-like society where the people's behaviors have been molded using behavioral techniques. The novel went on to become on of Skinner's best works.

After chairing the Psychology Department at the University of Indiana, Skinner returned to Harvard, now as a professor, in 1948. His material that he taught to undergraduates became his book *Science and Human Behavior* in 1953. Soon after, Skinner developed programmed instruction using "teaching machines," to help students learn and adapt to new skills. He continued to make advances in the field of teaching and programming sequences. He published many more books, and he carried on teaching and giving talks until his death on August 18, 1990.

This spring will mark the 80th anniversary of Skinner's graduation from Hamilton. So for all those English majors out there (myself included), if your future writing careers bottom out, you could always go to grad school for something else. Maybe you'll end up like B.F. Skinner – one of the most influential scientists of our time.

HOC braves "46 Peaks"

by Whitney Kimmel '09
FEATURES EDITOR

The Hamilton Outting Club (HOC) prides its self on providing students with athletic equipment which encourages the greater campus community to take advantage of the expansive outdoor environment the Adirondack Mountain range has to offer. Each year HOC hosts a range of activities to, "expose more people to the outdoors, and really make the outdoor experience an accessible and more regular part of the average student's life at Hamilton," explained HOC Officer Andrew Glossner '06.

In addition to helping students plan ski trips or lend camping equipment, many HOC Officers participate in the yearly pre-orientation program, Adirondack Adventure. Adirondack Adventure, or the "AA Trips" are new students' first exposure to HOC and a large portion of Outting Club members are veterans of AA.

One of their most popular yearly events HOC sponsors is the "46 Peaks." The goal of the program is to help at least one student hike the 46 tallest summits of the Adirondacks. Between the grueling nature of the hike and the threat of bad weather, "logistically, this is a nightmare," said Glossner, and "I think the closest we've ever gotten is 32 or 36."

Nonetheless, the tradition began in 1995 and has a solid turn out each year. Glossner explained that the program is a "combination of camping and hiking." Groups of students can plan how many peaks they want to try to climb and work with other student-groups to reach that goal. "Each group of friends then becomes connected to the larger campus network of those who hiked," he added. This year will be culminated with a party "to celebrate, share stories, ideas, that sort of thing, and really revel in the experience."

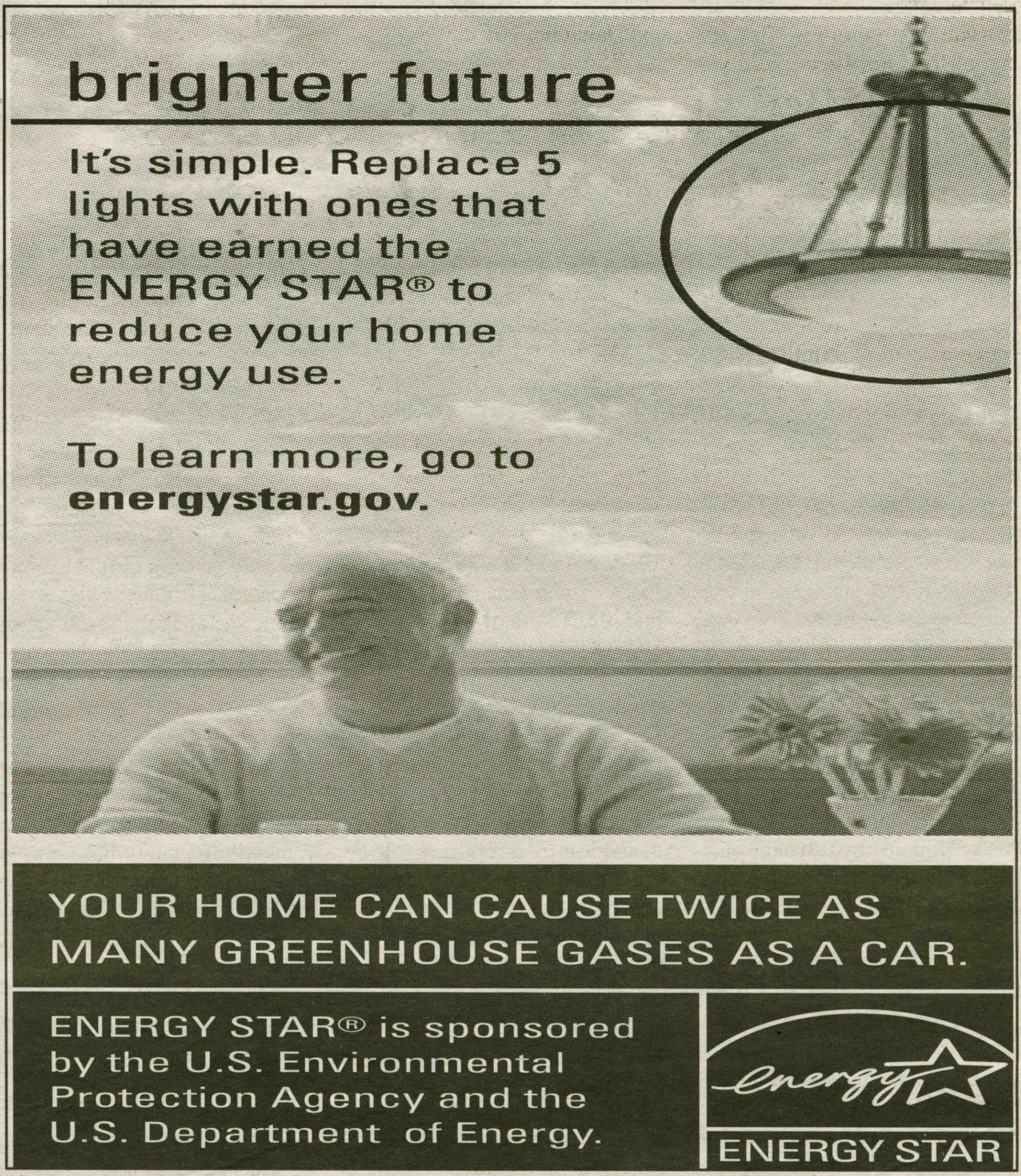
Due to past difficulties in reaching all 46 peaks, HOC decided to take a new approach this year; "we decided to extend 46 Peaks over a month. That way other students can choose what weekend they want to hike, and it minimizes the logistical snarls for us because we don't have to give all the gear out at once. We think it's a more realistic target for a campus of this size. I believe we are going to get all the peaks this year," Glossner said. With this optimistic attitude, the trek begins this weekend. Over the next three weeks students will attempt to meet their goals.

HOC has high hopes for this year. The modification of the 46 Peaks event reflects HOC's goal for the year; to incorporate more students into the program and make it a more visual organization on campus. Glossner said, "This is a momentum building year, I think [Hamilton will] see even more out of the Outing Club next year and in the years to come."

HOC has open hours weekly to lend equipment to students and rally interest in future events.

Its a great way for students to gain exposure to the outdoors without having to spend money on the equipment. If a student expresses interest in a certain activity, the organization will pool other HOC members to try to coordinate a group and will even obtain the necessary equipment if they don't have it already.

The 46 Peaks is just one of HOC's activities which encourages strength of body and encourages a sense of community. Each year it brings students together. They much share a camp together and work with each other to meet a common goal. Glossner feels, "46 peaks is important because it gets people off campus. It's easy to get tunnel vision at college and miss what's going on outside the world of academia. One of our over-arching goals is to help people connect with the world off the Hill."



The life of student athletes: a game of balance

by Megan Kase '09
FEATURES WRITER

With days starting with 7 a.m. practices, afternoon practices and games bombarding weekdays and weekends, the life of a varsity student athlete can certainly be described as dramatically different from that of a typical college student. Not only are the lives of student athletes crowded with chaotic schedules, exhausted bodies and toiled spirits, but they are also required to support a balance of sport, academics, and a social life. Why? For the sake of the game, of course.

Attending college is a career in itself yet there is a strong motivation for many to increase their workload through sports. For many, athletics has become so engrained into a student's lifestyle. For hockey player Warren Berkstresser '06, playing sports has "always been a goal. I take a lot of pride in being successful. I like camaraderie and competition." Others choose to pursue their athletic prowess because it stabilizes their lives. Lacrosse player Liz Longley '07 stated, "I enjoy playing sports because it helps to balance both my academic and social life. If I didn't play I believe I would have too much time on my hands, which could contribute to laziness and lack of motivation."

Undergoing such demanding obligations, student athletes definitely have to invest in the art of balancing priorities. The very idea of free time becomes a precious commodity for some athletes. "Instead of having the afternoon to relax and do work later, during lacrosse, you just go from one thing to another, and you rarely get a chance to just sit down for a while. It forces me to have a much more organized schedule going from class to work to lacrosse to homework in the evening. You get used to it though," said lacrosse player Dee Forshay '06. In order to solve this dilemma of balancing this active lifestyle, some athletes develop certain organizational habits. Berkstresser recommends, "Lots of calendars, checking email often, and staying in touch with people. Friends and teammates let you know what's going on where and when." Interestingly enough, the intense focus on time management has a great affect on academics. "During the lacrosse season, grades typically improve," said David Pasternak '08.

While their lives may be incredibly hectic, student athletes definitely find plenty of advantages that create a total worthwhile experience. A change of scenery for one is a definite bonus. Allison Nichols '06, a member of both indoor and outdoor track teams, said, "I also really like being able to get off campus even if it is just to another school for a meet. The bus ride home is always fun." Dee Forshay also enjoys the luxury of traveling, including a trip to Florida for spring break. Maintaining good shape is another benefit towards being an athlete. Berkstresser claims that being fit and feeling good about yourself are related results from being involved in athletics.

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Student-athlete Liz Roberts in class and on the field

More importantly, the relationships that are created have the most lasting benefit. "Being an athlete has helped me make a lot more friends that I would have otherwise: people graduate and new people join, so I have friends in all grades," said Nichols. Many of the relationships that are formed result from team bonding exercises, an essential part of the season. Nichols recalls, "The women's track team bonds by having a big sister/little sister psych up thing. Every returnee is partnered with a new person and before every meet you have to do something to psych up your partner. It could be a handmade card, candy, make t-shirts, anything really." Other teams bond strictly by force of nature. "Our team bonds more or less by force, we spend 4 hours a day with one another between practice and dinner. We have a common goal to succeed and we are all committed to one another," said Longley. The hockey team often bonds by partaking in specific hobbies. Berkstresser cites playing squash and golf during the off time as some particular favorites.

For some athletes, being on a team goes beyond games and practice and extends into the community. Liz Longley volunteers her time away from Hamilton Lacrosse and coaches a U-10 girls' soccer team in Utica. The hockey team offers their services in a variety of ways from coaching youth teams to working at the Presbyterian home in New Hartford. Most recently, the hockey team rose over $1200 in one day for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. "Giving back to the community is just one of the many bonuses of being on a team," said hockey player Artie Preiss '08.

Clearly, varsity sports require incredible attention, which cannot be acquired by simply anyone. Considering that, intramural sports are a readily available alternative. "I am so excited for intramural soccer to start Sunday. I really loved playing in high school, but I was not ready to commit to a sport in college. With just a few practices, games once a week, and playing on a team with my friends, I don't see where this could go wrong," said Liz Kelly '09.

Varsity sports in college truly have created a culture unique to its own and it has formed an indelible mark on its participants. Dee Forshay eloquently remarked, "I don't really know what it's like NOT to be a student athlete. It has helped me balance out everything I do, between athletics, academics, work, and friends. It has made my college career more satisfying as a whole."

Where to Eat: Zebb's Grill in New Hartford

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

If you're ever in the mood for a good burger, relaxing atmosphere, and a Pepsi you could drown in, head over to Zebb's. Located on the intersection of 12 and 5, you'll need a car to get there but it's worth the ride. Zebb's is your typical American bar and grill; they offer burgers, ribs, wings, and anything you could ever want fried. The interior of the building is divided into two halves; the first is the restaurant and the second is the bar and lounge. Food is available in both, but the management asks that no under 21's go into the lounge after 9:00p.m. (this really isn't true, they mainly don't want little kids in there). Zebb's prides themselves on the size of their portions, and this is true from the drinks to the burgers. Order a Pepsi and you get close to a liter of soda. Their drinks are also huge, from oversized mugs of beer to frozen daiquiris and margaritas. In support of local business Zebb's offers a variety of Saranac brews, including their seasonal varieties as well as sodas.

On to the menu, Zebb's prides themselves on good 'ole home cooking. They have your mother's meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and homemade deserts to boot, however they do bar food amazingly well. Tired of plain wings? Zebb's offers "Zebb's Wings:" drumsticks and thighs coated in an Asian inspired, buffalo based sauce. Zing is the only word that describes them, aside from the heat they have a tart side that puts them a cut above the rest. The ribs at Zebb's are good if you're craving ribs. If your not dying for ribs I'd go with something else. Unlike most bars Zebb's gives the option of customizing your burger, with choices other than toppings. First you can choose the size ¼ lb, ½ lb, and ¾ (Double fisted) burger. After you've selected your size you can choose from 9 different cheeses and toppings like bacon, onions, or mushrooms.

The fries are hand-cut and fried in fresh for each customer. One of Zebb's ten laws is, "We hate soggy fries. If yours are not crisp, the way you like them, send them back. Maybe the kitchen will get the message." They mean it. For anyone who is a fan of the Canadian "specialty" potin, good news, Zebb's will put gravy and cheese on your fries without any weird looks or price hikes.

The first and most important of Zebb's laws is that the restaurant is open for customer satisfaction, not the ease of the staff or management. Their staff tries to follow this law, and are willing to do anything to keep the customer happy. This includes free cookies to anyone who is a Zebb's virgin: just tell them that it's your first time there and you'll get your dessert on the house. For their food, friendly staff, and atmosphere I give Zebb's three and half stars out of five.

Overall Rating:

★★★ 1/2

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The Features section covers student interest and town-gown events. Feel free to send ideas and contributions!

Contact Whitney Kimmel (wkimmel) for more information.

Corrections for the 9/9/05 issue

Last week *The Spectator* advertised that an article profiling a member of the Admissions Office and a club profile of the Dance Team would appear in this week's issue. However, due to unforeseen events, these articles will not be running until next week. Look for them then!

CAB events for this semester promise variety and fun

by Kara Labs '09
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Ever wonder what you could be doing with all the free time you have? Or have you been so cooped up in your dorm with your studies that a breath of fresh air would do you some good? The Campus Activities Board (CAB) has a full set of events on the schedule for this semester.

Do you enjoy stand up? Well, on September 24 Hamilton College welcomes Mitch Fatel. Other comedy events coming to the hill this semester include: Paul and Storm on October 1, a comedy songwriting team that performs around the country and Chicago City Limits and a Scetch Comedy Troupe performing on November 12.

This semester the Acoustic Coffeehouse series has already gotten off to a great start with Raining Jane who performed on September 8 and was a big hit. Next up in the agenda is Easily Amused, a rock group performing on October 27. Bari Koral and Sirsy is a grassroots band performing on November 17. If you like a mixture of hip hop, soul, and virtuoso guitar music then you may want to check out Scratch Track on December 8.

CAB's Pub Series has kicked off another year successfully with One Sweet World and Exodus. On September 17 come check out Syd w/Parker House and Theory, a five person band playing a mixture of rock, jazz, and funk. The Travis Rocco Band performs on September 30, with their acoustic vibes. On October 28, Showtime: The Band comes to the Little Pub, with a night of music that will satisfy almost any musical taste.

Some special events are also in the works. Dennis Haskins who played Mr. Belding in "Saved by the Bell" comes to the hill on October 6. Prepare to be mystified with Mentalist Robert Channing on October 21. A bus trip to New York City is planned for November 19.

The Campus Activities Board is currently working on coordinating Late Nite 2005, an alternative social option for students. This will be taking place every Friday night in the Fillius Events Barn from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. They are currently looking for student organizations and groups to plan events for Late Nite. There is free food, no alcohol will be served, and is free for all Hamilton students.

The Campus Activities Board meets every Wednesday in the Bristol basement at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to toss around ideas!

Campus Activities Board Meets every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and host events throughout the week.

Weekly Events: Where you want to be

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Arts & Entertainment

There's no need f theaters when you can stay home with classic Woody Allen films like *Stardust Memories*

By Cate West '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

If you're like me, the thought of entering the new fluorescently lit, sonically colored and (overtly) over staffed mega Cineplex theater in New Hartford is too overwhelming to execute frequently. I can go once a month- at the most. So what is one to do (especially if one lives off campus and does not have cable yet because, apparently, Adelphia is "quite busy")? Answer: repeated DVD viewing!

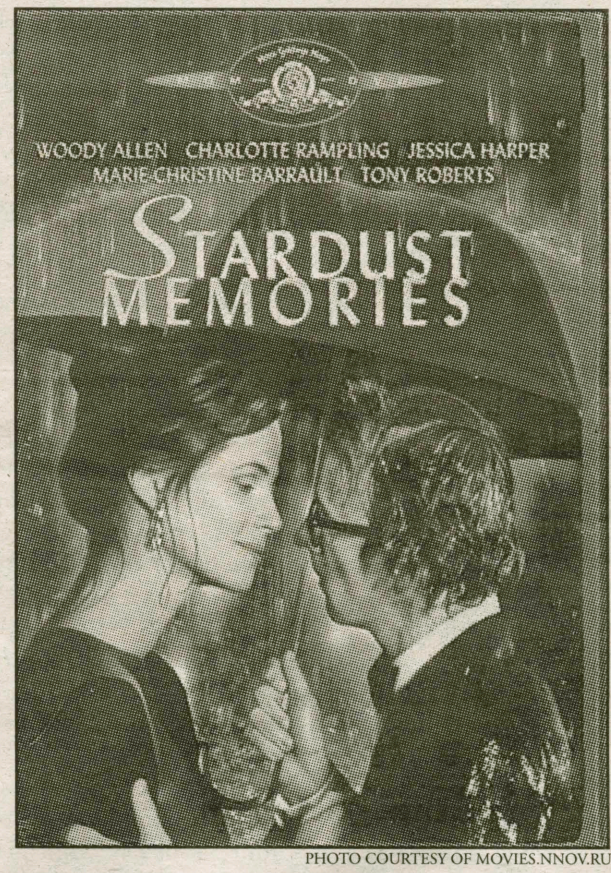
Of late, Woody Allen has been my choice. It's never easy to know where to start with his films - should you start from the beginning and work your way chronologically or, rather, start with his most recent attempts and work backwards? The whole thing can be intimidating and, more often than not, we students just stick to "Annie Haul" and call it a day. Well, it's time to branch out.

I am going to recommend two films, the former being more accessible and the latter (and more brilliant of the two) being less. The first, filmed in '86, is called *Hannah and Her Sisters*. The film is set up like an episodic novel and chronicles, using small vignettes, the lives of three sisters, played by Mia Farrow, Barabara Hershey and Dianne Wiest. Allen himself also stars in the movie, playing Farrow's character, Hannah's, ex-husband; he is a hypochondriac and, through a series of medical exams, begins a hilarious search for God and meaning throughout the course of the movie.

All three sisters find themselves in different forms of crisis and look to each other for support. However, it is through their sisterly relationships that actual strife occurs.

A highlight of the film is Michael Cain's role as Hannah's clumsy, poetry loving husband - it is worth watching the film just to witness his incredible performance. Make no mistake of it, this is a drama in its own right.

Intermixed with the tragic search for happiness that consumes each character is poignant humor (usually involving an awkward situation), real romance and a look into an idealized New York City, the kind we all secretly wish existed but know does not. See it.



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Watch S*tardust Memories:* **it is commended as one of Woody Allen's best movies of all time.**

The second film is *Stardust Memories*. Filmed six years earlier in 1980, *Stardust Memories* is Allen's take on Fellini's *8 1/2*, arguably one of the most respected films of all time. Word of warning: as I said before, this one is much less accessible.

The film focuses on two stories: a film seminar that Allen is in and a stormy relationship that he is also "in." The movie is full of reality sequences that seem like dream sequences and, um, actual dream sequences during which Allen explores what the artist's life amounts to and then complains about it. This can get quite tedious but, due to the mind-blowing aesthetics and spot on critique of the movie business, it's worth it.

These are just two of the five million (okay, it's really not that many. It's probably more like one million...) movies made by the little man, but they are quality films that aren't, and will never be, dated.

His newest one, *Melinda and Melinda,* I also liked, and is worth watching just to see actress Rahda Mitchell's hairstyle change. And Will Ferrell's in it. It's true.

ABC hasn't "Lost" with this television program

By Evelyn Shapiro '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Last fall, already enjoying the success of "Desperate Housewives," ABC aired the pilot for another new show. The episode attracted a staggering 18.65 million viewers. The pilot also cost $12 million, one of the most expensive television episodes ever shot. This enormous price tag caused Disney to fire the Chairman of ABC Entertainment.

Little did anyone know that the two-hour pilot would start the run of the biggest hit of the season, "Lost."

Oceanic Air Flight 815, enroute from Sydney to the United States, loses radio contact and changes course. Suddenly torn apart mid-air, the plane crashes on an unknown Pacific Island, 1,000 miles off course. The 48 survivors are stranded on unfamiliar territory, and no one knows they're there. Or does someone....

So starts the first episode of "Lost." The survivors have to rely on themselves and each other in order to remain alive. Though almost 50 people are stranded, the show focuses on about 10 main characters. The writers could have chosen the easy track and stayed with the conventional characters that always seem to end up on deserted islands, but instead they have an array of interesting and sometimes mysterious individuals.

The secret pasts of these characters come to light through flashbacks they have amidst the drama in the jungle. They all have secrets, and as one character says, the island has given them a chance to start over. Indeed it has - the survivors include a former rock star heroin addict, a father who has just met his 10-year-old son, a convict, a con artist, a paraplegic who miraculously manages to walk after arriving on the island, an ex-Iraqi National Guardsman, a pregnant girl, a doctor, and of course, the good-hearted fat guy. As they struggle to stay alive on the island, they must not only fight the elements, but must also fight their inner demons.

To top it all off, the survivors are not alone on the island. First they meet Rousseau, a Frenchwoman who has been stranded there for 16 years. She tells them she is the last left of her party, a scientific expedition that was shipwrecked. Rousseau also warns the survivors of "The Others." Just who The Others are, no one is quite sure of, but we do know that they are evil...and the survivors have just begun to see how much.

Not only are The Others there, but there also exists a monster that makes a terrible noise, and no one really knows what it is.

Added up, all these elements sound like a cheesy horror movie. Yet, the show has so much more depth. Each flashback reveals a little more history of the characters, and we begin to see that maybe the crash wasn't an accident, and maybe they are all meant to be there somehow.

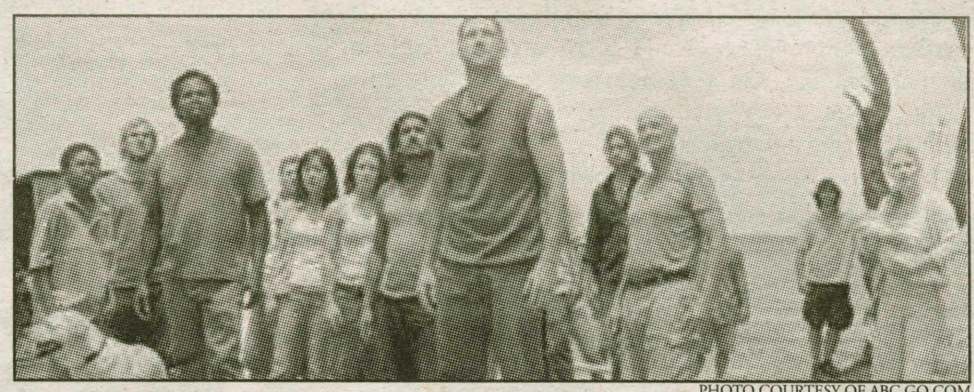
Another surprising part of the show was the killing off of a major character in the fifth to last episode of last season. And not only was he a main character, but a very attractive character on top of that (at least in my opinion).

The show has action, mystery, shock, fear - but surprisingly little romance. The sexual tension between the characters of Kate and Jack, however, is so thick it is almost annoying. Sometimes, you just want to yell at Kate to get over her pride and rip Jack's shirt off - I mean, it is Matthew Fox after all. They've been on the island for 40 days and there hasn't been even a kiss? Are these people crazy?

And not only that, but Kate has her flirtation with Sawyer, who is equally good-looking. Either that girl has tremendous will-power, or there's something she's not telling us - which on "Lost" is entirely possible.

Of course, "Lost" has its flaws. For instance, why doesn't the fat guy lose any weight? For that matter, why don't any of the survivors? They fleetingly mention when they finish the food from the airplane, but after that, none of them seem very hungry.

We've all seen "Survivor" - how can 50 people not be hungry after over a month? Another imperfection is the appearance of the polar bear (yes, a polar bear) in episode 2, and then its relative absence except briefly in one other episode. Doesn't anyone wonder why there is a POLAR bear in the South Pacific?



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ABC's "Lost" definitely deserves all 12 of its Emmy Nominations. If you haven't seen it, catch up with the first season, which just came out on DVD!

And of course, the characters always have that earthy, beachy, not-so-dirty glow that all movie and TV characters manage to maintain while living in primitive conditions (think Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Beach*).

Yet despite those flaws, "Lost" remains one of the best shows on television right now, and fully deserves its 12 Emmy nominations.

So, for those of you who haven't seen it yet, go rent or buy it! The first season just recently came out on DVD. For those of you who have been waiting eagerly all summer for the premiere, I can completely relate.

Because this Wednesday, finally, we will learn just what the heck is in that hatch!

Punk band, From First to Last, is teen angst in a body bag

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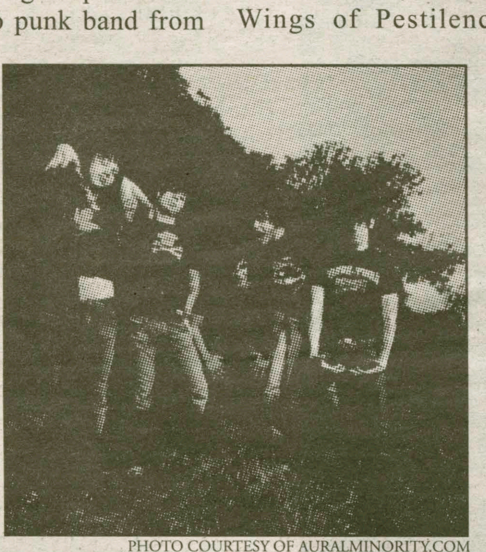
From First to Last (FFTL), an up-an-coming five piece hardcore screamo punk band from Los Angeles, consisting of Sonny Moore (Vocals), Matt Good (Guitar and Vocals), Jon Weisberg (Bass and Throat, or, more simply, scream), Travis Richter (Guitar and Throat), and Derek Bloom (Drums), has recently released its first full length album on Epitaph Records called "Dear Diary, My Teen Angst Has A Body Count."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From First to Last is one band that will leave a lasting impression.

Don't let the name of the album get you down; well, scratch that, it suits the music perfectly. FFTL's unique sound is mainly contributed by Bloom's machine-gun drumming and Moore's heartfelt, moaning voice that somehow manages to grab one somewhere behind the stomach and pull.

Listening to "Dear Diary," actually makes you feel like you are in a gun fight or a gang shootout. Songs like "The One Armed Boxer vs. the Flying Guillotine," "Note To Self," and "Ride the Wings of Pestilence," display the distinct FFTL sound and add to the intense, throbbing feel of the album.

However, FFTL also has a softer side, as demonstrated in their beautiful, delicate ode "Emily," which is like the calm in the eye of the storm, strategically placed in the middle of the album to allow you to catch your breath before you are hurled head-first back into intensity,"Dear Diary" shows FFTL's ability to vary their music style.

Softer lyrics in "Emily," such as: "Smiles and her laughter/ it's the only thing that I've been waiting for/... never will I give up trying because you're everything to me/... cause there's no one in the world like Emily," and more hardcore lyrics, such as the chorus of "Ride the Wings of Pestilence:" "I'll hide you in my walls/ Your body will never be found/ I'll wear your skin as a suit/ pretend to be you/ Your friends will like you more than they used to," express just how versatile FFTL really is.

Of course, besides the lyrics, there is the occasional – alright, possibly more than occasional – scream session that makes me wonder how Weisberg and Richter manage to do it without ravaging their throat and completely losing their voices.

FFTL prides themselves in their hardcore tradition to play with ferocity, which includes, in their live shows, vomiting; concussions; two broken arms; multiple head contusions; as well as guitar mutilation From First to Last is a band passionate about performing and making music.

Nicole the Music General's Warning: if you are weak to your stomach, this may not be the band for you.

"Dear Diary, My Teen Angst Has A Body Count" is only the first in what looks to be many explosive albums from From First to Last.

Another good choice, Epitaph Records.

Asian Movie Review: *Azumi*

Noah Wright '08
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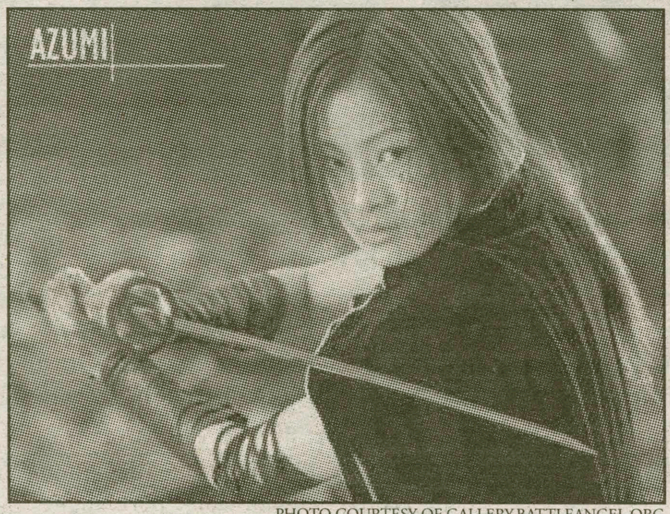
Were you one of those people, who, after leaving *Kill Bill Volume 1*, thought, "Gee, I could sure stand to see more attractive females killing dozens of people with samurai swords," and felt sorely disappointed at the lack of attractive females killing people with samurai swords in *Volume 2*? To those who feel this way, I would recommend two Japanese movies, *Azumi* and *Princess Blade*, but since *Princess Blade* sucked, you're better off with *Azumi*.

The plot is essentially *The Boondock Saints* set in feudal Japan with swords instead of guns, and focuses on a group of expert vigilante killers fighting evil and how one of the men they're trying to assassinate releases some bad guy from prison to destroy them.

As with *The Boondock Saints*, the thin plot serves as a vehicle to set up a ton of bitchin' action sequences.

You'll get to see swords, ninjas, more swords, heroic heroes, villainous villains, still more swords, a guy who acts like a monkey, gallons upon gallons of spilled blood, the only camerawork that has ever caused me to feel motion sickness while watching a movie, and a weird pseudo-romance between the leading lady and a female circus performer. Hawt.



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If you like the kind of action movie where attractive females kill people with swords... *Azumi* is for you!

A fairly brainless action movie, but a good fairly brainless action movie. If for anything, watch this for the climactic final melee scene, which boasts a far higher body count than even *Kill Bill*'s. It's basically the main character versus an entire army; if you've ever played the "Dynasty Warriors" series of videogames you'll have some idea of what I'm talking about. I'm looking forward to the sequel. 4 out of 5.

Note: I wrote this review before I saw the sequel, which sucked beyond all comprehension. You know that episode of "The Simpsons" with Mel Gibson, and the part where Homer talks to Mel about his idea for a movie with an evil dog in it? And then Mel asks, "How will we know the dog is evil?" to which Homer replies, "we'll zoom in on him while his eyes shift back and forth."

In *Azumi 2*, they actually do that. Not as a joke. That's how bad the sequel is.

Attending Events

Niels Lesniewski '07
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Since the beginning of this year, I have attended an a cappella concert in Wellin hall, sat on the lawn beside the Bristol Campus Center for Untitled @ Large's presentation of Love's Labour's Lost, and cheered from the bleachers at a soccer game (which loosely, for me, is entertainment). Third week of the academic year, and I am certain I'm already missing something. So, why, when we all have so much to do with ourselves should we make time for everyone else's projects?

Any performer or artist can answer that question. Again, speaking broadly here, athletes qualify as performers, too. Empty arenas and empty auditoriums are depressing, as much as anyone involved in music, theater, or dance might want to deny it.

On stage, it can be difficult to ignore the fact that four months of effort yields an audience of forty. In the real world (that would be the one not on this Hill), poor turnout can be a reflection of a bad box office, poor reviews, and poor publicity efforts. Those particular excuses, at least in the performing arts, do not hold water here.

Performing arts publishes a comprehensive schedule of events each year, and moreover, ~~everyone on campus receives a~~ myriad of e-mails from Anne Riffle, the jack-of-all-trades for the departmentally-based goings on in List and Schambach.

Student groups, too, do an exceptional job getting the word out about their productions. The two comedy troupes on campus-Yodapez and Bobby Peru-always publicize their shows, as do the four a cappella groups, the Student Dance Alliance, the Dance Team, Untitled @ Large for student-run theater, and whoever I happen to be forgetting (apologies to all of you). Athletics do a similarly admirable job of getting the word out; schedules for varsity sports are posted on the Hamilton website. Club teams often send out all-campus e-mails and use a variety of posters, usually in Beinecke and on the Commons mezzanine to advertise their competitions.

So my point, writing particularly to first-years and transfer students, is to watch your schedules, ask your friends where they are investing their time. Talking to performers and artists as often as I do, I know that it means an awful lot to all of us in this realm. So, this cry goes out to everyone at Hamilton College: support your friends in their endeavors whenever you can. Professors, support your students; students support your professors (yes it does go both ways). This College's isolated location makes for good and bad; many would say that the isolation gives great potential for taking in all of campus culture, for getting outside of our individual boxes.

Eating dinner one night this week, a friend of mine who shall remain nameless asked me why I, theater and government double concentrator, and thanks to an unfortunate break in the wee hours of my life a total non-athlete, had been at a soccer game. The answer, obviously, revolved around the fact that I had friends on the team and that, spoken or not, they appreciate the support. The ~~same~~ goes for everyone else who takes risks, who exposes their bodies and their minds to risk of torment, pain, and humiliation. We want everyone behind us.

However, I close with a cautionary note. If you attend an event in which one of your friends has a role in only one part (I think immediately of the dance department's student shows in Minor Theater and Wellin Hall), could you demonstrate some decorum?

Please do not be the one to get up and leave at an inopportune moment, and, for goodness sakes, turn off cell phones, pagers, and all those other electronic gizmos!

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Our closest cousins: Chimp genome may reveal secrets of human disease, evolution

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

Scientists announced on September 1 that they have completed analysis of the genome of a chimpanzee, human's closest genetic relative; chimps and humans diverged from a common ancestor approximately 6 million years ago. In addition to revealing important information about chimps, the decoding of the chimp genome reveals important information about us. As scientists analyze the differences in chimp and human genomes, they can begin to shed some light on a question people have been asking for hundreds of years: what makes us human?

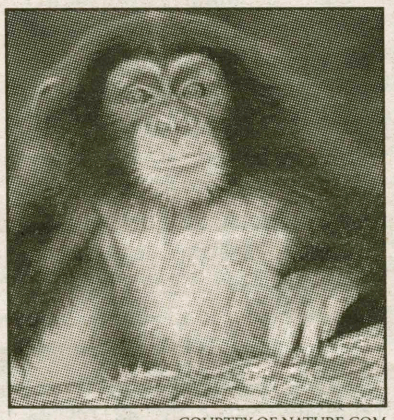
Scientists have found that only about 4% of our DNA is different from chimps; this makes the gap between humans and chimps about 10 times smaller than the one between rats and mice, according to a *Boston Globe* article. Of about 40 million DNA differences discovered between humans and chimps, less than 3 million are in areas that are functionally important. This means that only a relatively small number of genetic differences account for the differences between humans and apes.

By pinpointing these genetic differences, scientists can better understand some qualities that are uniquely human..

"The pragmatic goal is that it will help us understand diseases and conditions that are unique to humans," said researcher Tarjei Mikkelson of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, in the *Boston Globe* article.

For example, mutations in certain genes may explain why chimps are immune to some human diseases, and why chimps are vulnerable to certain parasites that cannot infect humans.

The decoding of the chimp genome provides strong support for evolutionary theory. For ex ample, according to the *Globe* article, regions of the genome that are the most different between humans and chimps are the same areas that tend to be the most different from human to human today, which means the same evolutionary process is still at work.



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Scientists recently unraveled the chimp genome

"I can't imagine Darwin hoping for stronger confirmation of his ideas than what we see when we compare the human and the chimp genome," said Robert H. Waterson of the University of Washington.

Another aspect of the comparison of the human and chimp genomes is the evolution of the human Y chromosome. The Y chromosome carried 1,000 genes some 300 million years ago, the same as the counterpart X chromosome; now, the human Y chromosome has lost all but 16 of its X-related genes. Scientists have been studying the Y chromosome to determine whether it will lose more genes and eventually become obsolete. In chimps, the new announcements report, the Y chromosome has lost five of its 16 X-related genes, possibly because of chimps' "high-spirited sexual behavior," said a *New York Times* article.

"The new finding implies that humans have led sexually virtuous lives for the last 6 million years, at least in comparison with the flamboyant promiscuity of the chimpanzee," said the *Times* article. If humans have lost none of the 16 X-related genes in the last 6 million years and chimps have lost 5, humans presumably had a much less promiscuous mating system from the time they diverged from the common ancestor that did not rely on sperm competition, as chimps' do even today.

Primatologists have also discovered many similarities between the social behavior of chimps and humans, some of which may eventually be linked to genes. However, the scientists who worked on the project caution, this "rich vein of discovery may be choked off" if the great apes habitat continues to be destroyed. Primatologists fear that apes will disappear from the wild by 2040, except in the few established sanctuaries.

Meet the Geek of the Week!

by Nancy Shaw '07
Science & Technology Writer

Name: Matt Van Hook

Class year: 2006

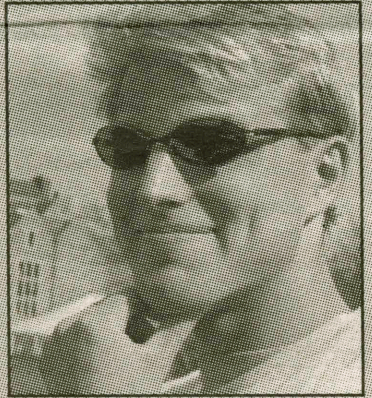
Concentration: Biology

Why Matt deserves to be Geek of the Week: He spent the last two summers dissecting insects in the name of science.

So Matt, do you have a favorite chemical compound?
3,7-Dihydro-1,3,7-trimethyl-1H-purine-2,6-dione

How many fruit flies would you say lost their lives this past summer because of you?
Somewhere around 2,000. It was like a small-scale French revolution. I beheaded them under the microscope with a razor blade.

Is it true that the previous summer you significantly shortened a large number of caterpillar's lives?
I cannot answer that question as I am having a medial temporal lobe malfunction.



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Matt Van Hook '06, Geek of the Week. He knows the lyrics to the Veggie Tales hit song "Oh Where is My Hairbrush?"

How do you sleep at night knowing their blood is on your hands?
Sleep? See the answer to the question about my favorite chemical compound.

Do you ever wear your lab goggles outside the lab?
Um…no.

What would you say is your favorite invertebrate?
Manduca sexta by far, but only in its larval stage. That's the time when they're a cute green caterpillar. They're much cuddlier then.

If I told you I have a Gromphadorhina portentosa what would you say?
Hissssssssssssss.

What his fiancee says:
"Matt sometimes can't help but break out the dry-erase board to draw me an elaborate color-coded diagram of neurotransmitter processes. The prospect of brand-new pipettes also makes him giddy."
-Emily Luidens '06

Coffee: Does the body good?

by Allison Demas '07
Science & Technology Writer

I don't know about the rest of you, but for me, a cup of coffee is essential to surviving the morning. Coffee is also critical for getting through that last, mid-afternoon class of the day, and right now, sitting here at my laptop into the wee hours of the morning, coffee is all that is keeping me awake. Tomorrow I will get up, and repeat this cycle again, as will many college students across the nation. Fortunately for all of us, a new study reported on Livescience.com shows that coffee is doing us some good. The American Cocoa Research Institute recently funded a study that found coffee is the primary source of antioxidants in most American's diets.

Antioxidants protect cells from damage caused by harmful free radicals. Free radicals are formed in the oxidation process that occurs in our bodies during the natural biological breakdown of chemicals. These highly reactive free radicals, which can also be formed from tobacco smoke and radiation, attack our cells, and can cause permanent damage. Antioxidants interact with free radicals to neutralize them and protect our bodies at the cellular level. They have been linked to protection from heart disease and cancer.

In this study, common food items were analyzed to determine antioxidant content. This information was then compared to U.S. Department of Agriculture data regarding consumption of specific foods in the typical American diet. Food groups examined included fruits, vegetables, nuts, spices, oils, and common beverages.

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Coffee is a primary source of antioxidants

The most commonly consumed antioxidant sources are coffee, followed by black tea, bananas, dry beans and corn. Nutrition experts and previous scientific studies determine fruits and vegetables to be the best source of antioxidants, with dates, cranberries, and red grapes at the top of the list. The average American, however, drinks coffee more frequently than they consume fruits or vegetables. Joe Vinson of the University of Scranton, head of the study, said, "Unfortunately, consumers are still not eating enough fruits and vegetables, which are better for you from an overall nutritional point of view due to their higher content of vitamins, minerals, and fibers."

So, while it is still better to eat a salad or an apple, college students' favorite source of caffeine is now doubly beneficial.

"CSI" creates wide interest in forensic evidence from students and criminals

by Matthew W. Palascak '07
Managing Editor

CBS's "CSI:Crime Scene Investigation" has produced an increased interest in forensic science. The popular TV show shows the crime scene laboratory techniques used to catch the criminals. Investigators arrive at the scene and "follow the evidence" to catch the wrongdoers.

Enrollment in forensic science classes has increased, according to a recent article from the *New Scientist*, published last week. Forensic science appears to also increase the credibility and public images of forensic scientists. The explanations on *"CSI"* produced a scientific interest from jurors as well.

"Oversimplification of interpretations of *CSI* has led to false expectations, especially about the speed of delivery of forensic evidence," said Jim Fraiser, director of the Centre for Forensic Science at the University of Strathclyde, UK,

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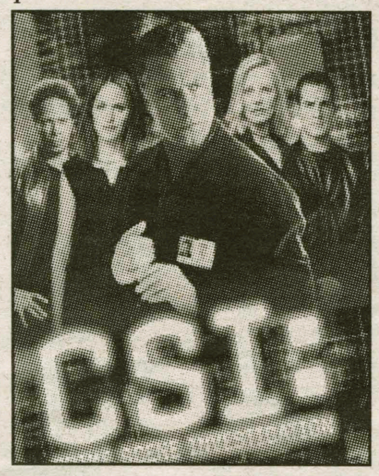
in the article. Thus, many jurors expect a lengthy scientific explanation and are not as impressed with jumbled, often unknown scientific practices.

"Forensic scientists and prosecutors all agree that jurors expect more because of "CSI" shows," explains Detective sergeant Paul Dostie of Mammoth Lake Police Department in California, who described his findings in a recent poll.

However, criminals are also benefiting from the series. In one example, Dostie recalls a murder case in which the assailant attempted to conceal his DNA using shampoo. The case illustrates the steps that criminals are taking to hide their crimes. Other examples range from planting cigarette butts from public bins in stolen cars to wearing plastic gloves during robberies.However, criminals have tried to evade forensic evidence since the begininnings of DNA evidence. In 1988, in the world's first case involving DNA, the murderer submitted a friend's sample analysis, successfully creating a cover-up. The friend, however, revealed his secret and the correct sample was obtained. These steps might delay investigators, but not prevent conviction the culprit.



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Shows like "CSI" oversimplify forensic science, say critics.

Among TiVo users, "CSI"ranks second as the most recorded TV show, the personal-video recorder manufacturer reported in its website from data collected TiVo users. The popularity of the original "CSI" series has prompted CBS to produce two other series, expanding the crime scene from Las Vegas to Miami and New York.

Headphones cause hearing loss, new studies report

by Yuqi Mao '09
Science & Technology Writer

Do headphones from the average iPod or the portable stereo cause hearing loss for people?

People like headphones because they provide specific musical details otherwise not so easily distinguished by other sound systems, such as a set of loud speakers. But the headphones place the ears much closer to the sources of loud sounds than loud speakers. While the sounds from the loud speakers may be relatively noisy, the air resists a portion of the loudness coming from the speakers. By the time the sounds reach the ear, they're not so likely to damage the ears.

Most people seem to not only listen to the portable music devices for enjoyment, but they also use it to drown out the noises they would normally encounter in everyday life. When outside, they tend to turn the music up to higher intensity levels, thus exposing themselves to higher decibels that could potentially damage their hearing. According to the article "Personal Stereo Systems and the Risk of Hearing Loss" from *Medical News Today*, noise levels of 70 decibels or lower cannot damage the ears; but, the same article points out that such noise levels are about equal to the noise level inside a car with closed windows on the highway.

"What's That? Headphones Linked to Hearing Loss?" from the health section of CNN.com provides an early sign of hearing loss: if one's ears were to ring coming out of a place that's quite loud, the person experiences some hearing loss but may recover partially from it. *Medical News Today* tells the reader that other signs of hearing loss include: difficulty following a conversation in noisy places or the perception that other people are mumbling rather than speaking clearly.

Generally, portable music devices have volume levels in the range that could potentially damage hearing. Advice to users would certainly include watching out for the amount of time those headphones stay on. Although eight hours per day at 85 decibels is considered safe, according to *Medical News Today*, only 12 minutes per day is safe at 102 decibels. The same article reports that headphones with standard portable music devices can range up to 114 decibels when turned to full volume.

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Excessive use of headphones results in hearing loss.

Headphones cause damage to hearing because of the high intensities of the sounds that these devices emit, which the ears then pick up immediately. When used for an extended period of time at these higher intensities, certainly one should expect to experience hearing loss to some extent.

Science Center Update

There has been a further delay in the projected Certificate of Occupancy for the new Science Center. The Inspection is going to be Monday, September 19, with the building hopefully being open on Tuesday, September 20. Moves will take place during September 20-23 and 26-29. As before, work will be completed on general classrooms, the AV, ITS, and Visual Technologies on a room-by-room basis.

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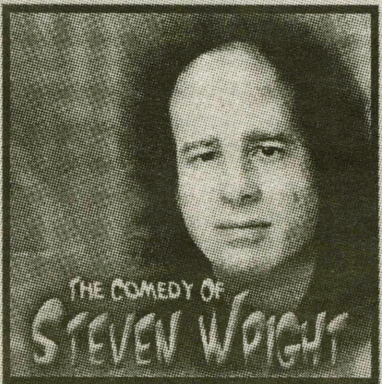

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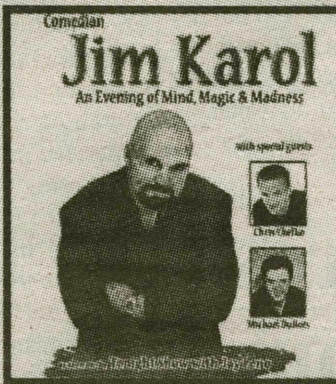

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"Fight" is back in the Irish

Notre Dame rattles off tough wins; Weis impressive

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS EDITOR

Notre Dame football is back. The Fighting Irish are once again front-page news after upsetting nationally ranked Pittsburgh and Michigan in consecutive weeks. Even more impressive is the team has yet to play a home game in South Bend. The Irish did not earn a top-25 national ranking to start the season; however, after their first two games, the team has now cracked the top-10. This Saturday, the campus will welcome the Michigan State Spartans to Notre Dame Stadium in another nationally televised contest.

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The first man to credit for the team's strong start has to be new head coach Charlie Weis. Weis, the former mastermind behind the New England Patriot championship offense and Notre Dame alum (although not a college football player himself), has already made his presence felt. Because he took the job at his alma mater before the end of the 2004-2005 NFL season, Weis had to balance his commitment to the Patriot's playoff run with recruiting and spring practices in South Bend. Not only did Weis lead the Patriots to their third Super Bowl title in the last four years, but now he has also restored a winning attitude to the Irish locker room.

The general consensus is that Weis has brought over some of the Patriot magic to the college game. In truth, there is no magic formula for success. Perhaps the Notre Dame players have responded to their new coach simply because of his reputation. Or, perhaps this was the team's year to break out all along. Weis recently addressed the "team first" attitude and how it develops from day to day: "You practice that. You watch those players after a good play, you don't see any of these guys showboating, do you? You see them turning around and partying with their teammates."

The men getting it done on the field, the players themselves, also deserve a lion's share of the credit. Just like the Patriots, the Notre Dame offense is led by a "Brady." Junior Brady Quinn has been spectacular at running the offense (99.1 passer rating) and has had help from sophomore running back Darius Walker, who has accounted for 278 yards of total offense so far. Team defense has also been phenomenal; the #3 Michigan Wolverines did not score a touchdown until late in the fourth quarter last Saturday. The defense is led by senior middle linebacker and co-captain Brandon Hoyte.

In a recent press conference, Coach Weis was asked about the biggest benefit of a 2-0 start: "Confidence. Remember, this is a team, when they walked off the field last season, their confidence was rattled. I think when you start winning, your confidence grows. There's nothing better in coaching than having players that are starting to gain some confidence." The team will have to be careful not be too confident against Michigan State this weekend. While currently unranked, the Spartans also boast a 2-0 record, having demolished opponents Kent State and Hawaii by a combined score of 91 to 28. Certainly these

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Men's xc starts strong, depth is key

by Doug Paetzell '09
SPORTS WRITER

Last Saturday, in their first meet of the season, the runners of the Hamilton men's cross country team swept away its competition, beating St. Rose by a margin of 22-35 and Union by 15-50. Hamilton's harriers proved their depth and strength was genuine as they scorched the 8,000 kilometer home course.

When the gun shot off Saturday morning, the runners joined together to win the meet. Coach Brett Hull explained, "All of our upperclassmen did an outstanding job of helping our first year runners in their first collegiate competition."

Not only did teamwork help the Continentals, but smart running also played a key role. "Our runners paced themselves over the first two miles," said Hull.

"We were patient and our familiarity with our home course allowed us to make a push that propelled us to win during the last couple miles," added Captain Andrew Downey '06.

The team running and solid performances helped the team sweep both St. Rose and Union. In the scoring against St. Rose, their runners proved to be a worthy competitor, placing four runners in the top ten. These performances were not enough, however, as Hamilton bested St. Rose with six runners in the top ten. In comparison to Union, Hamilton proved to be significantly more powerful, having an astonishing twelve runners cross the finish line before any one Union runner.

Leading the pack was co-captain Luke Thornblade '07. Thornblade showed his dominating speed by setting a 5:35 minute-mile pace, and finally finishing first with a blistering time of 27:45.8 minutes. Another great performance came from Allan Guiney '08, who crossed the finish line close behind Thornblade with a time of 27:54.7 minutes. Finishing fourth, Keith Gross '09 ran a time of 28:07.6, showing that he will be a promising runner for the Continentals in the future.

The win also helped the team come together: "I think we really boosted our team morale tremendously and we have really congealed as a team," said Downey.

"This meet was a good starting point for us," added Hull. "It shows us that with hard work and perseverance, we can accomplish at a high level."

With the results of this meet, Hamilton's runners can only predict what the cross country team's future may hold. In addition to the solid performances of upperclassmen, the freshmen runners proved they will be strong runners in the remainder of the season.

"Two freshmen broke into the top five of our team, which shows their talent despite the inexperience at the 8,000 kilometer race," said Downey. "Our first year runners did an outstanding job and all ran better than expected," added Coach Hull.

For now, Hamilton awaits the 6k race at the Oneonta Invitational, a unique race, providing a shorter course and faster paces for the runners. Downey explained, "I think we can use the race as a chance to get our legs moving at a quicker clip."

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Women's XC surges forward with two wins

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a strong showing at last season's championship, the women's cross country team was off to a roaring start this past weekend when they competed in dual meets against St. Rose and Union. Led by a 1-2-4-5 finish from Becky Mackenzie '08, Abby Jones '09, Jen McGowan '08 and Liz Herring '08, the Continentals easily beat both teams. The weekend was described by Katie Riposta '06 as a preliminary meet, a meet where the upperclassmen were able to witness the abilities of their newcomers.

Although the team lacks runners from the junior class, the other classes are well represented. The returners include: Emily Dick '06, Heather King '06, Riposta, Julia Williamson '06, Katie Berlent '08, Nonny Chizea '08, Emily Driscoll '08, Liz Herring '08, Becky Mackenzie '08, McGowan, Miranda Raimondi '08, Chrissy Rubino '08. Erin Shapiro '08, Lauren Shugrue '08 and Hannah Wolcott '08. The new freshman class consists of: Gen Flanders, Cali Garson, Abby Jones, and Gillie Smith.

This past weekend was a chance for the underclassmen to show the upperclassmen, and themselves, what they are capable of accomplishing. On the freshmen, Mackenzie said: "Our freshmen have really impressed me in a lot of our really tough workouts. They're all willing to work hard for the team."

There was an abundance of team potential exhibited at the meet, and Riposta described the great packs that the team used to maneuver through the field. Riposta specifically described a couple of important packs, a pack of about 3 runners at the lead and another strong pack of 5 or 6 girls to keep the team competitive.

She said, "I'm very happy with the way we all ran. We're trying to race in pack-strategy this season, so running together is more important than running for individual victory."

The importance of this racing strategy will surely be apparent in their upcoming meets and hopefully the strong team showings will continue.

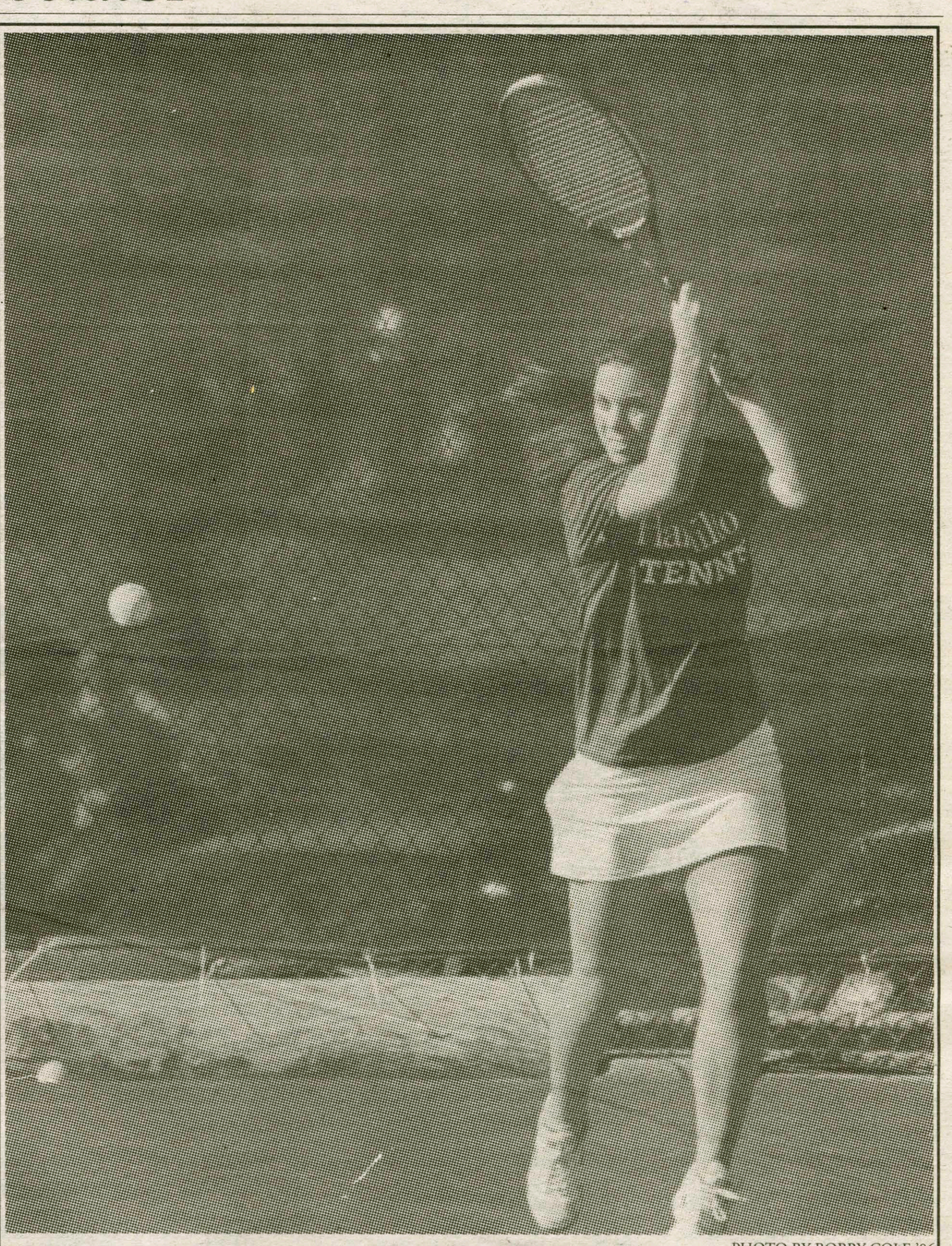
In terms of the future of the team this season, Hamilton is fortunate enough to be hosting both the Liberty League Championships and the State Meet. Hosting both meets is a major coup for the program because, as with all sports, the home team advantage is a major factor.

The Liberty League Championships will be an important meet because, as Mackenzie and Riposta both said, St. Lawrence is usually a big rival.

Mackenzie said, "We're expecting St. Lawrence to be one of our biggest competitors. They're coming back this season after graduating a lot of their top runners, but it looks like they've got some new talent in their freshmen. However, after running with our freshmen for a few weeks, I'm feeling confident about how our team will stand up in the league."

Mackenzie and Riposta both remarked upon the competition in the NESCAC. While Williams and Amherst have perennially strong teams, the 2005 Hamilton squad ought to be extremely competitive. Look for a strong showing against Connecticut College and Trinity.

This weekend, the team will look to continue its success while competing in the competitive SUNY Oneonta Invitational in Oneonta, NY.



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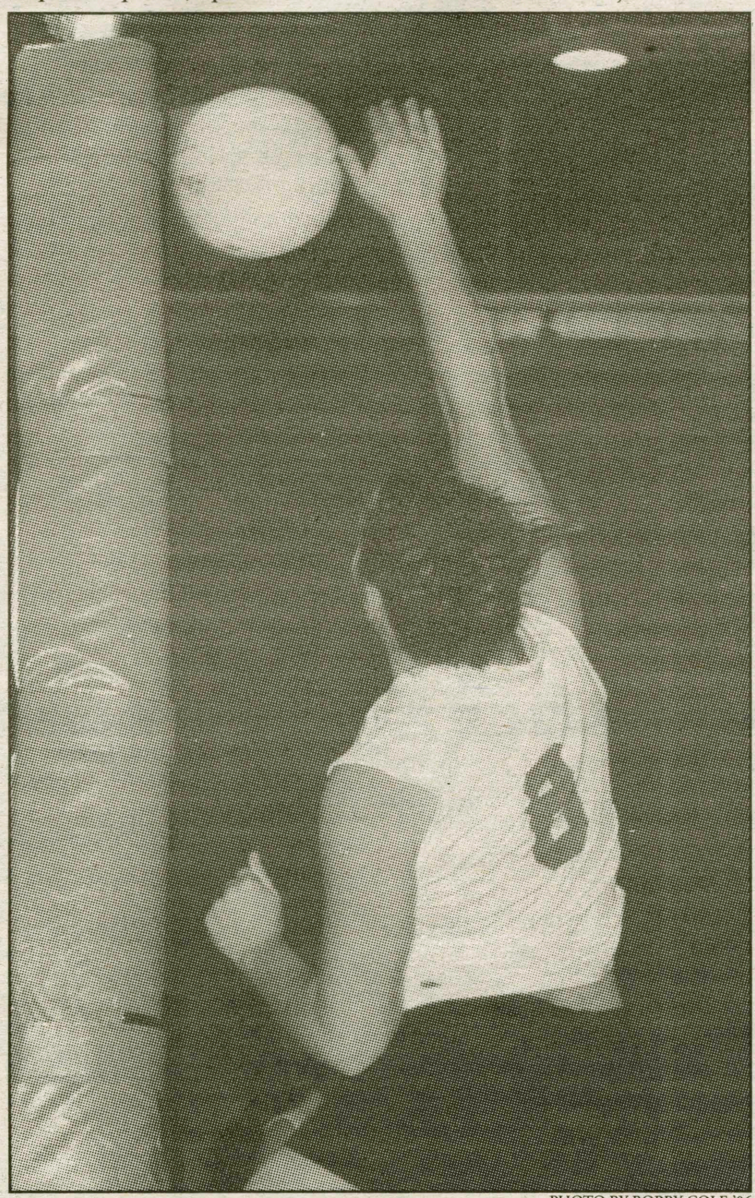
Tough love for Union tennis

Hamilton's women's tennis team trumped Union College on Wednesday, winning all six of their singles matches in straight sets. The Continentals additionally won all three of their doubles matches.

"People did what they had to do to win," said Captain Kaitie Donovan '06. "We stayed in the matches longer than they did, and that's how we won every match."

The Continentals will host SUNY Cortland tomorrow at 1 p.m.



Amber O'Connor slams the ball down. PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Volleyball solid in tourney

Team plays nationally ranked Williams tough

by Blythe Winchester '08
SPORTS WRITER

On Tuesday, the Varsity Volleyball team faced off against their toughest competitor this season, Williams College. The squad lost 3-1, yet they managed to pull out a win off the #1 team in the conference. The Williams contest was extremely challenging but the team is proud that they managed to have some success against a formidable, nationally ranked foe.

In addition, the women played in the Elmira College tournament last weekend. The team finished with mixed results, losing to Geneseo, beating Hartwick and losing in what co-captain, Dee Martin '06 describes as "four very close" games to Elmira. In the end, claimed third place with a win over Alfred.

"We came in third in the tournament and looked very strong," says Martin. Martin was picked for the all-tournament team, turning in a season-high twenty-six digs against Alfred. Co-captain Michelle Butler '06 was also credited with six blocks.

After an encouraging weekend, the outlook for the rest of the season is bright.

"Allie had a great day Tuesday, and Amber and Jess played strong defensively." Martin said of her teammates Allie Massaro '08, Amber O'Connor '09 and Jessica Schneidman '08. Schneidman contributed a team-high 18 kills and 14 digs. Massaro was a force against Hartwick with 14 digs, 7 kills and 8 aces. Chelsea Halvorson '08 and Emma Timmons-Schiffman '06 contributed 12 kills and 6 blocks respectively. Senior Tracy Zaino '06 finished the tournament with 126 assists. "The whole team really gave it their all last weekend and played their best," said Martin in what is proving to be a very exciting season of Continental Volleyball.

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>
> *-- Co-Captain Dee Martin '06*

This weekend the women are on the road again, playing three NESCAC matches at Middlebury. They will face off against Connecticut College, Wesleyan and Trinity. These NESCAC mathces will give Hamilton a good sense as to their chances in the NESCAC tournament later this year.

The team is optimistic for these matches but knows that they cannot take anything for granted right now, even after their initial success.

Martin says, "We are coming off a strong week, and are hoping for success in the conference this year. This is a very important weekend for our team, and could possibly even determine whether we make it to the NESCAC tournament this year."

Men's soccer red-hot, team 21st in the country

by Meaghan Lavangie '09
Sports Writer

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Hamilton remained untouched as they improved their record to 3-0-0 by defeating Nazareth 2-0 Tuesday on the hill. It was an offensive battle on both sides to score the opening goal. The game was tied up at the half at 0-0 despite the Continentals out-shooting their opponent 15-8 and earning more corner kicks. The first goal wasn't scored until 82 minutes into the game, when Zach Kelly '07 headed a ball into the net. Kelly's goal was assisted by teammate Chris Breedlove '08. It was Kelly's second goal of the season.

"The effort was certainly there the whole game. It was only a matter of time until we scored," said Greg Rogan '08. "It was frustrating coming out of the first half with nothing to show for it."

Captain Nikle Guzijan added, "We came out strong, began to lack towards the middle of the game and finished with a strong second half, which eventually led to two goals."

Throughout the game, the Continentals did a good job of controlling the ball in the middle of the field. After the first goal was scored, Nazareth started to play more defensively which allowed Hamilton's forwards and midfielders even more space to work with. During the second half, the Continentals worked hard to preserve the one goal lead, knowing there was still a chance that Nazareth could come back and tie the game.

The Continentals forced a second goal with only 1:59 mintues left to play, which sealed the deal. Rogan was able to capitalize off of a crossing pass near the mouth of the goal by fellow teammate Bob Barrowman '08. Rogan has been a prolific goal scorer throughout his career, this one was the junior's 14th at Hamilton.

"Nizzi always tells us it's a 90 minute game," said Guzijan. "We will have good minutes, bad minutes and a whole bunch in between. If we keep playing, things will eventually fall our way."

The persistency paid off for the Continentals and protected their undefeated season. By winning 2-0, Captain Anthony Tripicchio '06 earned his first shut out of the season. The Continentals have moved up in rank to 21st in the division three national poll. This national ranking will certainly give opponents added incentive against the Conts. They host another non-conference game tomorrow at 1 p.m. against SUNY Oswego.

Field hockey bounces back with win

by Matt Bradley '07
Sports Writer

After a tough loss last week in their season-opener, the Continentals bounced back with a solid 1-0 win against the Lakers of SUNY Oswego. Now boasting a 1-1 record, the squad will be feeding off its momentum for its match-up on Saturday, September 17. Hamilton's rowdy combination of aggressive offensive and impenetrable defense left Oswego exhausted and confused after Wednesday's game.

It was a fast-paced opening half for both teams, with Hamilton's offense dominating much of the play. The squad's ball-movement up and down the field proved to be a huge advantage for the Conts. "Our passing looked really good," said Emma "The Executer" Dunn '07. "We were in their end about eighty percent of the time." In the first period alone, Hamilton had nine penalty corners and eight shots-on-goal. Then, just over six minutes into the game, Kerry "The Laker-Killer" Leonard '07 sniped the game's only goal on a crucial penalty corner. Leonard's goal gave Hamilton the advantage it needed to coast to victory.

Hamilton's victory over Oswego marks just the second Continental win over the Lakers in the last six match-ups. After executing nine penalty corners in the first half, Hamilton came back with another eight in the second half. Hamilton's seventeen total corners easily stomped Oswego's five. Additionally, the Continentals had six shots-on-goal during the second half, fourteen total. This compared to the Lakers' three measly shots all game. Oswego's lack of offensive productivity speaks volumes about the Hamilton defense. Led by senior co-captain Kristin "Assiduous" Archibald, the defense ate the Oswego offense for breakfast. Also, in just her second start as goalie, the unyielding Erin Weinstock '07 recorded her first career shut-out.

Thanks to Hamilton's offensive assault, the squad was able to secure a victory. While Leonard recorded the goal on an assist from Archibald, there were several other Continentals who worked to beat down the Oswego goalies. In fact, there was so much action around the Oswego goal that the Lakers had to switch goalies after the first half. Leading the attempts on goal were Leonard and "Smokin'" Natalie Schwerin '08, who both fired four shots. Marley "Machine Gun" Berns recorded three shots, Emily "Gusto" Gambir picked up two, while "Jazzy" Jess Goldberg rounded it off with a shot to add to the Continental total.

The Oswego game was a great victory for the Continentals. They proved to themselves and everyone else that the squad is capable of playing solid, fast-faced field hockey. "We handled the ball really well," said Goldberg regarding the team's offense. "We dominated the ball which allowed for a lot of offensive opportunities." As Hamilton continues to improve, expect this dark-horse squad to knock-off some big-name programs. "We played amazing," added Berns. "All the passing and dodging drills we've been doing in practice really showed in our play (against Oswego).

The Continentals will be using this momentum to carry the squad into Saturday's game against SUNY Cortland. Cortland is currently ranked fifth and will surely give Hamilton a great match-up. Saturday's game will be the squad's last home game until the first of October. Come out and see the Continentals snipe Cortland's Achilles heel on the turf at 1p.m. on September 17.

Irish success

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opponents haven't presented Michigan State with the same sort of early season challenges as Notre Dame has faced, but the team's offense has been unstoppable with quarterback Drew Stanton having completed over seventy percent of his passes.

Notre Dame has one of the toughest schedules in the nation. Luckily six out of the team's nince remaining regular season games will be played in the friendly confines of Notre Dame field. After this weekend, the team still has games remaining against defending national champion USC, #12 Purdue, and #5 Tennessee. However, the Irish look to be a different group this year, taking lessons on how to win from their head coach.

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Soccer builiding momentum with teamwork

by Doug Paetzell '09
SPORTS WRITER

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Midfielder Kim Bauer dribbles past an RIT defender during Wednesday's game. Bauer scored the second goal with five minutes remaining in the second half, leading the Lady Continentals to a solid 2-0 victory.

On Wednesday, as temperatures rose to nearly 90 degrees, the Hamilton women's soccer team turned up the heat against RIT. In a grueling game between the two competitors, Hamilton demonstrated their superior skills and won the game, 2-0.

Before the game began, the tension was high among the soccer players, who knew that they were about to face a tough Rochester team.

"RIT has always given us a hard time," explained Captain Kristine Cupertino '07. Despite this, the Continentals worked together and displaye excellent ball skills in order to emerge victorious.

"I think our movement off the ball and our passing was something we did well in this game," said Cupertino. "We had some great combination plays, two of which ended up with a goal."

Additionally, the team truly joined together and used teamwork to overcome RIT.

"I think we're starting to come together as a team on and off the field," said Captain Elizabeth Roberts '06. "It always takes a little while for everyone to get on the same page, despite practicing together for a couple weeks now."

In the end however, Roberts acknowledged, "I think that our persistence was something that helped us win."

Leading the charge was Captain Eileen Fisher '07, who scored first against the Rochester team. After over 60 minutes of intense play, Cupertino assisted Fisher as she powered the ball into the goal. For nearly 20 more minutes, the two teams battled as Hamilton tried to preserve their lead. With only five minutes left in the game, Fisher and Jessy Gelber '09 worked together to assist Kim Bauer '08, who made an astonishing shot off the right goal post to seal the game for the Continentals.

Even though the Lady Continentals shut out Rochester, it was no easy game for Hamilton. From the beginning, Rochester tried to control the game by slowing down the pace. This slow pace, in turn, hurt the much faster Hamilton offense.

"RIT sat into their defense clogging the midfield and box, making it harder for us, but we just had to keep trying," said Roberts. "As a player this is frustrating, but we are a team that doesn't quit, and this is something we have always prided ourselves on."

In the remaining games of the season, the Hamilton team will find new ways to adapt to all different types of teams.

"In the future, I hope that we can learn to come out from the first whistle and take advantage of teams like Rochester," said Roberts. "We can improve on everything, there is always room for improvement," added Cupertino.

Next on Hamilton's schedule is Hartwick College. "It will definitely be a tough game just like any other, so we will not overlook them," said Cupertino. Roberts added, "I'm very confident that when we play on Tuesday, we'll rise above any of this and be more mentally and physically surefooted. In sports, it's not just the more fit team; much of the sport is being mentally tougher than your opponents."

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

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